

Town and schools looking to hire for 46 new positions

By Don Staruk

Upwards of \$40 million, more than half the town's proposed \$77 million budget for next year, is earmarked for salaries of the roughly 900 school and municipal employees. If the budget, as currently proposed, is approved at April Town Meeting, the number of employees – and personnel costs – will go up hundreds of thousands of dollars next year alone.

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski has recommended the approval of eight new posi-

tions on the town side, the equivalent of 6.2 full-time jobs. The new or increased salaries would add about \$178,000 to the budget next year. They would increase the total number of employees working on the town side from 320.5 full-time equivalents to 326.7.

Schools Superintendent Richard Neal has requested adding another 39.2 positions, which would take the number of school employees from 542.7 full-time equivalents to 581.9. Mr.

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Chiefs make a pitch for new or improved police and fire stations

By Don Staruk

The foundation is cracking. Mold and mildew hang from the ceiling, and at times electrical units in one part of the building have to be shut down so there is enough juice to work computers in another area. Those are just a few of the reasons Fire Chief Harold Wright and Police Chief James Johnson are asking voters to consider adding to or renovating the town's Public Safety Center, or building new police and fire facilities.

"It's a sick building," Chief Wright told selectmen during a

discussion about the existing building Monday night.

The Board of Selectmen told the chiefs that they will consider their request, but gave no guarantees that they would actually support appropriating money for such a project. Selectmen agreed to insert an article in the April Town Meeting warrant asking voters to appropriate \$150,000 for architectural and engineering plans for additions, renovations and/or new construction. They will likely discuss the issue again before the Town Meeting and may or may not take a position on the article before the

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Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

In the new fieldhouse at Andover High School, West Middle School seventh-grader Kyle Houghton has his eye right on the lacrosse ball as he readies to catch it. Just beginning as an organized town activity, lacrosse for middle-school players is coached by Chip Gregory, Tom O'Reilly, Dave Puleo and Lyle Lieberman. The kids are playing coed lacrosse but the coaches are looking for a woman coach, too, to start an all-female team. Youth Services director Bill Fahey hopes the sport will also be offered some day at AHS.

Baby sitter and 911 dispatcher save choking 4-year-old

By Perry Colmore

Sara and Kevin Doyle, the Andover parents of three children under 7 years old, hadn't been out in a long time. Last Saturday while they were at the Lanam Club, their 4-year-old, Kelsey, got a golf ball lodged in the back of her throat and she was choking. She wasn't breathing.

A trusted and favorite baby sitter, 16-and-

a-half-year-old Jackie Roderick of Atkinson, N.H., knew exactly what to do. She called 911 and found dispatcher Tricia Ward on duty, who also knew what to do. She talked Ms. Roderick

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Lady Warriors breeze past Woburn

By Rick Harrison

Showing no rust from a nine-day layoff between the end of the regular season and start of the tournament, Merrimack Valley Conference MVP Charlotte Muller poured through 27 points to almost single-handedly outscore the opponent as the top-seeded

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Andover High women's basketball team routed Woburn, 58-33, in their MIAA Division 1 North Sectional Tournament opening-round game Tuesday night at the Dunn Gym.

This could be the first step on the way to a

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NEWS IN BRIEF

DCS seeks adult coed softball teams

The Department of Community Services is seeking teams for the Adult Coed Softball League. Any Andover company or group interested in playing should call 623-8274 for more information.

Return census form

The annual town census for 1997 was mailed to residents at the beginning of January. The town clerk's office reports a 75-percent return to date.

The 1997 census form will indicate if a resident is a registered voter in the town and the party designation. Residents may not register to vote or

change party designation on the census form. Non-registered voters may request mail-in voter registration forms on their census. Call the town clerk's office at 623-8200.

Disability group to meet March 12

Andover Commission on Disability will meet Wednesday, March 12, at 6:15 p.m. in Memorial Hall at Memorial Hall Library. Two disabled members are needed. Call 623-8335 or fax 623-8518.

Blood drive March 13

Saint Robert Bellarmine Parish Knights of Columbus, in association with the American Red Cross, will sponsor a regional blood drive at its parish hall, 198 Haggetts Pond Road, Thursday, March 13, 2-8 p.m.

Donors can make an appointment by calling St. Robert at 683-8922 or drop by. For general information regarding donations, call Jon Chapman at the American Red Cross at 1-800-462-9400. Ext. 2092.

Women's golf tourney

The Greater Lawrence Unit of the American Cancer Society will hold "Ribbon of Hope" the first annual women's golf tournament, at Indian Ridge Country Club Monday, May 5. The proceeds will fund breast cancer research. Golf committee chairwomen are Elizabeth Terlizzi, Linda Infurna, Maureen Cannava and Arlene Santangelo.

The entry fee of \$135 per play includes complimentary gifts, greens fees, cards and an awards dinner. Hole sponsorships are available for \$100 as well as other donor opportunities.

Call the American Cancer Society office in Wilmington at 988-3600. Reservations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

Golf tourney to aid Afarian Scholarship

Friends and relatives of the late Peter M. Afarian will host a golf tournament this June to raise money for a scholarship fund in the former Andover resident's name. Peter, a 1995 Andover High School graduate and a goalie on both the AHS and Fitchburg State College hockey teams, was killed in a car accident on Lowell Street July 28, 1996. His family established the Peter M. Afarian Memorial Scholarship Fund to provide an annual scholarship to a member of each of the two schools' hockey teams in Peter's name.

The Peter M. Afarian Memorial Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament is set for 12:30 p.m., Monday, June 2, at Windham Country Club, Londonderry, N.H. It will be a shotgun format and is limited to the first 144 players.

The cost for the tourney is \$100 per person, including greens fees, cart, dinner, prizes and gifts. Dinner only is \$20 per person.

For an application or more information, contact Charles Kochakian, 17 Oakland Road, Andover, MA 01810.

Quote, unquote . . .

'O ops,' he said. 'I forgot to turn the wheel back.'

'That's OK,' I said. 'Just one more bottle of antacid and I may be able to eat some Jell-O tonight.'

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TOWN TALK

Hitting the Iditarod

By Perry Colmore

It's the 25th anniversary of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race beginning next week, and Andover resident Fred Stott will be there. In the middle of it. Thumbing a ride for many legs of the 1,100 miles. Mr. Stott, who has called his involvement with the race "emotional and visceral," goes along the route of the race, interviewing mushers, taking in the scene and writing about his observations. It will be his third Iditarod. And he says it's probably his last. He did it in '93 and '94. He will prepare a story or two for the *Townsmen* this year.



Fred Stott

"I've loved dogs all my life," he said Monday, the day before he left. "And I have deep and strong ties to the North country."

Mr. Stott, who is 79 years old, said part of his fascination with the race is its "pretty nearly level playing field," meaning women often win it. He laughs about the slogan "Alaska, Where Men Are Men and Women Win the Iditarod." Susan Butcher, who no longer participates in the Iditarod, won the race four out of the six she did it. In 1985, another woman won it.

Mr. Stott and his wife, Susan, went to Alaska in 1992, and they met a musher who has won the race twice. Now Mr. Stott has lots of friends along the Anchorage-to-Nome trail, and although he knows how he will get from the start of the trip to about midpoint, Mr. Stott will be thumbing the rest of the way, paying for a seat on an airplane when he can get one. Stay tuned.

Tourney winners

Steve and Beth Bassett, of 2 Keystone Way, members of the Woodland Golf Club in Auburn-dale, had their story published in the *Royal Gazette* newspaper in Bermuda in the Feb. 15 issue under the headline, "Bassetts snatch gross division."

"Cupid struck yesterday at Port Royal, carrying Steve and Beth Bassett to a heartfelt victory during the Bermuda Valentines Mixed Foursomes tournament."



Steve and Beth Bassett and their golf trophy

The story said the Bassetts "took few risks under windy conditions and were rewarded..."

The pair shot 81, giving them a gross total of 219 over three rounds. In addition, Steve won the long-drive competition. The tournament was hosted by the Bermuda Dept. of Tourism.

Teacher writer

G. Ursula Y. Butler, of North Andover, author and illustrator of *Christopher's Super Awesome Day*, has been a kindergarten teacher at St. Michael's School in North Andover for 18 years. She is a former teacher of South School. Ms. Butler and her husband, Michael, have a son, Christopher.

"*Christopher's Super Awesome Day* is super awesome," writes Kim Round, former editor of the *Mother Connection*. "While I certainly expected to see wonderful eye-catching illustrations and hear a story guaranteed to knock the socks off every 5-year-old within earshot, it was the message, or the moral of the story that truly impressed me. You see, you don't have to be named Christopher or 'love dinosaurs better than anything else in the whole wide world' to appreciate and be inspired by the touching message of a child who innocently gives of himself, not expecting anything in return, who then receives the surprise of his life." The book is a Dorrance publication.

Nail news

Courtney and Dee Zolner of Courtney's Collections, Main Street store, met recently with Dineh Mohajer of Hard Candy. And if you haven't a clue what that means, Hard Candy is the manufacturer of nail polishes with names such as Pussy Cat and Trailer Trash, Earth (it's sea blue), Bubble Gum and Sky. And they're the invention of Dineh

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Planners continue Sterling Oakes discussion

By Don Staruk

The Planning Board expressed a number of concerns with the controversial Sterling Oakes subdivision off Rocky Hill Road Tuesday night, both with the engineering specifications and the standing of the applicant, and also with the behavior of neighbors who oppose the development.

At the start of the continued public hearing on the proposal Tuesday night, Michael Miller, Planning Board chairman, cautioned those in the audience "to respect the process" and warned that anyone speaking out of turn would not be recognized by the board. He was responding to incidents during a discussion of the plan two weeks ago at which he said people were disrespectful to the board and its members.

Later in the meeting he addressed a letter sent last week by Richard Pangonis, one of the neighbors, to various town officials and newspapers. In it, he accused the board and other town officials of ignoring at least seven of his and other residents' concerns. Mr. Miller denied that was the case.

"I particularly resent being told or seeing in some letter how people are being ignored," Mr. Miller said.

Mr. Miller said there are rules, regu-

lations, laws and processes that must be followed regarding the application, and that if anyone didn't like the end result, there is also an appeal process. He then responded to several of the points made in the letter.

One point had to do with whether Richard Rubino, the would-be developer, has standing to be listed as the applicant for the development. Since he does not own the property, planners asked him for a letter from the owners saying they have an agreement with Mr. Rubino to sell him the property. Planners asked Mr. Rubino to provide them with the written proof by their next meeting.

Mr. Miller, an attorney, also agreed with Nicola Pangonis, Mr. Pangonis's daughter who is an attorney, that since Mr. Rubino had at one point filed for bankruptcy, the fact that such a contract was not listed in the filing may be of interest to the bankruptcy administrator. In that case, the issue may come back to the board if the administrator were to take possession of the contract to buy the land.

Several neighbors at the meeting again questioned whether there is a town or state regulation that limits the size and number of houses that can be

built off a dead-end road, and whether it applies here. The section of Rocky Hill Road where the new subdivision would be is a dead end. Steve Colyer, town planning director, said he did not think such a regulation applied here, but Mr. Miller agreed to research it.

The Planning Board asked Mr. Rubino to meet with Bob McQuade, Public Works director, and his staff to try to reach agreement on 33 concerns with the engineering plans that Mr. McQuade outlined in a memo to the board. Many of the concerns are minor, involving issues such as the location of fire hydrants. But others seem significant, such as moving the location of a proposed roadway. Mr. McQuade said it needs to be moved. Mr. Rubino insists it will not be moved and doesn't need to be. Planners want those kind of issues resolved before the plans come back to them.

The Board of Health approved the plans for the project last week.

Planners continued the public hearing until their next meeting Tuesday, March 11, at 9 p.m. They also tentatively agreed to do a site visit of the property Sunday, March 16, at 9 a.m.

Genetics Institute approved

Planners approved a site plan spe-

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Stone/Congress seeks open access and communication with the Andover Townsman so that the citizens of Andover can benefit from this fair and balanced reporting. We have thus far made two requests to meet with the Townsman. We have yet to get a positive response. Fairness would dictate no less than the opportunity for the public to hear all points of view.

We are extending an open

invitation to the Townsman to meet with us, tour the project and fully report its findings to the people on the basis of factual information.

The Townsman's Feb. 20 edition contained two articles addressing code violations at the project. Stone/Congress was not contacted prior to publication of the articles. If we had been, we could have informed the reporter that none of the violations cited in the article were the responsibility of Stone/Congress. All the violations were the responsibility of Andover and/or the town's consultants.

Mr. Everett Penney's quoted comments in the Townsman referring to the "... power to fire the contractor ..." were simply ill-informed, as none of the code violations were or are our responsibility. That being the case, they are not even remotely grounds to consider any sanctions or "firing" of this contractor.

We at Stone/Congress are deeply concerned about the public's right to know how their tax dollars are

being spent on this project. It does not please us to have a client who has gone through more than \$2.6 million in needless cost overruns, with no end in sight.

We are concerned that there are virtually no monies remaining in the budget for future possible cost overruns. We are concerned about the lack of reasonable dialogue toward resolving the project's underlying dysfunctional condition. Beyond that, we are concerned about the town's exposure to legal costs and claims in the millions of dollars.

We do want the taxpayers who are the ones faced with the costs to know about the warnings we have provided to the town from the start of construction. We will make copies of these written warnings available to the press and selectmen and, through them, to the citizens.

In this regard, we also wish to extend an open invitation to the selectmen to meet with us, tour the project, and come to understand what truly is happening with your

tax dollars. We sincerely hope the selectmen seize this opportunity to find out where your money has gone and where it will continue to go, unless they take an active role in solving the problems of this project with us.

We seek an ongoing, open and frank dialogue with the Town of Andover, and we are providing Andover's elected officials with the opportunity to make that happen. They can only gain by accepting our invitation. A failure to do so would be the citizens' loss. You all have a need and a right to know the full story. Our offer is open and is the town's to accept.

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Courtney Zolner, from left, Dineh Mohajer and Dee Zolner of Courtney's Collections, Main Street store, met recently.

TOWNTALK

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Mohajer, a 23-year-old Southern California woman who has hit it big with her cosmetics. When the Andover twosome met her, Ms. Mohajer was in Boston to receive Yale's Entertainer of the Year award. Hard Candy is a family affair, with Ms. Mohajer's sister and boyfriend on the board and it has developed into a multi-million dollar business in less than two years.

Screen debut

Andover resident **Lindsay Ordman**, 12, will make her screen debut as Iris Noonan in the soon-to-be-released film *Old Man Dogs*. The feature-length film was produced and directed by Bill Milios of Back Lot Films Inc. in Manchester, N.H. Lindsay will also appear in the currently filming feature-length comedy *Follow the Broccoli*, produced by CJ Productions. She has also appeared in Boston Children's Theater productions of *The Sound of Music* and *Wizard of Oz*, the Chekhov Theatre's *Thumbelina*, and Boston Baked Theatre's *Snow White*. Lindsay currently plays the king's page in the Boston Baked Theatre's production of *Robin Hood...the Sequel* which runs through March 16 in Somerville.



Lindsay Ordman

Heimlich maneuver

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through the Heimlich maneuver, which the baby sitter had seen demonstrated in a health class at her school, Timberlane Regional High School. The ball popped right out and Kelsey went back playing with her siblings: Kevin Jr., 6 years old, and Moira, who is almost 2.

Their mom, Sara Doyle, said Kelsey and her siblings were pretending that Kelsey was a cat, catching a golf ball. She decided to catch it in her mouth, but then she tripped and the ball became lodged in the back of her throat. The baby sitter noticed blood coming from the 4-year-old's mouth. And, said Ms. Doyle, her child wasn't breathing.

"The dispatcher said in 13 years of working in Andover she'd done the maneuver twice over the phone and it was successful." Make that three.

"I'd go out again (and leave the children) with Jackie baby sitting," said Ms. Doyle. "Now you know why I've been driving all the way to Atkinson to pick up that baby sitter."



Ms. Doyle said her family is not new to 911. In October, Ms. Doyle passed out - a reaction to an allergy shot and an illness. Mr. Doyle called 911 that time.

Above: Baby sitter Jackie Roderick, left, dispatcher Tricia Ward and Kelsey Doyle, 4, check out the golf ball that the 4-year-old ingested.

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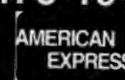
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13-year-old assaulted delivering papers

By Don Staruk

A 13-year-old Andover boy delivering newspapers on Porter Road Monday afternoon was chased and knocked off his bicycle by two boys in a car that then fled the scene.

The boy, who police would not name because he is a juvenile, was not seriously injured, but he was shaken up, according to Andover police.

Detective Donald Pattullo provided descriptions of those involved with the hope that someone can aid police.

"Maybe it will jog somebody's memo-

ry," Detective Pattullo said.

According to what the boy and his parents told police, the 13-year-old had just finished delivering papers to Lincolnshire Estates, the large brown building at the corner of Hidden and Porter roads, at about 4 p.m. when a car pulled up and one of three occupants asked him for a paper. There were two boys in the front seat and a girl in the back. The boy said he didn't have any extra papers, but they pressed him. The boy started riding off, but the car came after him, pulling up beside him. He said he heard the girl

yelling at the boys to leave him alone, and something about having already bothered someone else. When they didn't stop the girl asked to be let out, and she was. She walked off down Hidden Road.

The pair in the car then continued to pursue the boy, driving along beside him as he tried to pedal away.

The passenger in the car finally grabbed the handlebars of the bicycle and pushed the bike over, knocking the boy to the ground and scattering his papers. The

boy hit the ground, but was not injured. The car then drove off.

The boy described the driver as having shoulder-length, neatly-groomed brown hair. The car was an older-looking, gold, four-door sedan - possibly an Oldsmobile - with a loud muffler.

The passenger looked like Travis Roy, the paralyzed Boston University hockey player, with a blond "mushroom haircut." He was wearing a blue Nike hat and a gray sweatshirt. The girl had long brownish hair and was wearing jeans and a green and blue jacket with writing on the back. All three in the car were the age of high school sophomores or juniors, according to the boy.

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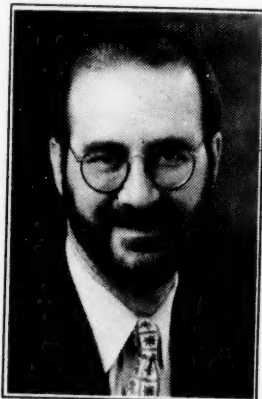
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Parents, teachers, administration, officials on Space Needs Com.

By Neil Fater

The Space Needs Advisory Committee that presented the School Committee with a report Tuesday night regarding how it can deal with growing student populations contains 34 members, representing in some way each of the eight schools in Andover.

"The School Committee decided we needed to have a balanced group," said Lloyd Willey, School Committee and Space Needs Advisory Committee member. "It was a very conscientious effort to get a representative group."

Dick Neal, superintendent, said each elementary and middle school worked with their parent group to recommend committee members.

"Then we had some people who called in directly and we took those people," said Mr. Neal.

Mr. Neal said the schools used both cable TV and the newspapers to tell the community about the space needs committee. Michael Frishman, committee co-chairman, said he believed everyone who volunteered for the committee was asked to join.

But according to a list in the committee's report, everyone on the committee is either a public official or tied to the school in some fashion. There are 15 parents of students, eight teachers, eight other school employees, two School Committee members and a Finance Committee member.

The committee does not have a regular community member who has no ties to the school system. The committee's community representatives are a Finance Committee member and two parents who only have children at Andover High. These parents' chil-

dren won't be affected by the proposed construction to the middle and/or elementary schools.

Mr. Willey noted that people willing to volunteer their time for such a committee are usually going to have an interest in

the schools.

"You don't end up hearing from those people who don't want to spend any money at all," he said.

"I don't think there's anybody that's on there that fits that descrip-

tion," of a community member without school ties, he said. "It's hard to get people on there unless they have that tie. There's just a lot of work to be done."

The 15 mothers and fathers on the committee are the

parents of 19 elementary school children, seven middle-school kids, and seven Andover High students.

The eight teachers on the committee represent every elementary and middle school in Andover.

The three assistant principals are from West Middle School, Doherty Middle School and West Elementary. The three principals are from Bancroft Elementary and the two middle schools. A Doherty guidance

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Two public forums were held to gather community input regarding the construction options and the growth in student population.

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BUSINESS

Doug Howe, Joe Doherty and Chris Doherty

Doug Howe, Joe Doherty and Chris Doherty, owners of Prudential Howe & Doherty Realtors in Andover and Methuen, attended a three-day session in which Prudential Real Estate Affiliates from across North America gathered in Costa Mesa, Calif., to discuss new advances in technology, real estate trends and project the real estate outlook for 1997. The Prudential Howe & Doherty was one of 25 companies selected to attend the conference.

Chris Doherty said, "Our discussions mainly centered on the future of our industry, and the need to streamline the real estate transaction, making it more convenient and customer friendly." The Prudential Real Estate Network has introduced a new marketing concept that makes the process of buying and selling a home faster, more efficient, and consumer-friendly, they say. Prudential Value Range Marketing replaces the traditional fixed asking price with a predetermined range, allowing buyers to offer a bid within the range selected by the seller.

Susan Wolf Ratyna

U.S. Army Reserves Sergeant First Class Susan Wolf Ratyna of the 372d Military Intelligence Company, Fort Devins, was recently activated and deployed for an assignment in Europe as part of Operation Joint Guard, a continuing effort by the U.S. to support the United Nations to contain the conflict in Bosnia-Herzegovina by maintaining peace and stability in the region.

She is an active member of the Andover Patriotic Committee and is employed with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Boston. She attended

Northeastern University and lives in Andover with her husband, Edward.

Linda J. Dinkel, Marlene Hoyt, Deborah Graves and Charles W. Wolf Jr.

Andover Bank announces the following promotions:

Linda J. Dinkel of Andover has been promoted to vice president of Marketing, responsible for advertising and promotion, research, product development and public relations efforts.

Prior to joining Andover Bank in 1988, she was director of marketing at Peoples' Savings Bank in Brockton. Ms. Dinkel

received a BS degree in business with a concentration in marketing from the University of New Hampshire, and is a member of the New England and National Bank Marketing Associations.

Marlene Hoyt of Lynnfield has been promoted to vice president of construction lending, responsible for the origination and administration of land development, residential, and commercial construction loans.

Prior to joining the bank in 1994, she was assistant vice president of consumer lending at The Savings

Bank in Wakefield. She is an associate member of Northeast Builders Association, director of the Greater Lawrence Revolving Loan Fund Inc., and serves on the Funds Distribution Committee for Merrimack Valley United Way. Ms. Hoyt graduated from Northeastern University.

Deborah Graves of Lowell has been promoted to vice president of loan review, responsible for monitoring credit quality trends in the commercial and construction loan portfolios. Prior to joining Andover Bank, Ms. Graves was assistant manager of loan review for the First NH Bank. She received her BS in business administration at Salem State College and MBA at Old Dominion University in Virginia.

Charles W. Wolf Jr. of Andover was promoted to vice president of internal auditing. He is responsible for planning, supervising and conducting financial, operational and regulatory compliance audits throughout the bank.

Prior to joining Andover Bank in 1993, he was VP, director of internal auditing for Guaranty-First Bank in Waltham. Mr. Wolf received a BS and MBA from Babson College. He received certification as internal auditor, bank auditor and compliance officer from the Institute of Internal Auditors and the Bank Administration Institute and is past

president of the Massachusetts Bank Internal Auditors.

Mr. Wolf was program chairman of the Eastern Massachusetts Compliance Network in 1996. He is the current treasurer of the Service Club of Andover, and a volunteer mentor in the Andover High School/Business Partnership Mentoring Program.

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Silvija Aprans and Eleanor Turke

Silvija Aprans and Eleanor Turke have successfully completed Course 101 of the 1997 Realtor Institute of Massachusetts held recently in Waltham, according to Massachusetts Association of Realtors President Richard Dils.

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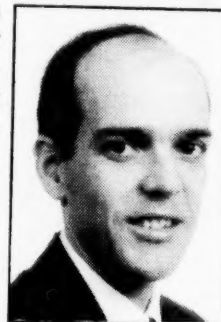
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Principal Parker disappointed with students

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"It does not mean actual seat time," she said. The time will be implemented so that students could work in groups or allow them more class participation time.

The change would also include team-teaching.

Ms. Parker asked those teachers who are currently team-teaching to share their experiences.

Bill Becker, head of the English Department, suggested that each department discuss what would be best for the courses that will be available next year.

Tom Meyers, president of the teachers' union, said, "We've been going back and forth for over 17 minutes on how to discuss this discussion."

The discussion on pros and cons of block scheduling continued.

Chuck Wettergreen, of the English Department, said, "There is just too much on our plates right now." He was referring to the construction, scheduling changes, technological improvements and other items the school has on its to-do list.

Delores Dunning, art teacher, said,

"People should make changes, not wait for them to happen."

Joan Pearson, a parent, agrees with teachers who are ready to attack this project all at once. "We are putting all this time and energy into the project now. We should expect to be involved with this for the next two to three years. Right now is the time to make changes in order to be placed in the forefront of Massachusetts schools. I recognize that change is difficult. But, I am willing for my daughter to experience change as long as it's constructive and well directed."

'We've been going back and forth for over 17 minutes on how to discuss this discussion.'

Tom Meyers, president of the teachers' union

At about 3:53, with seven minutes left in the 90-minute meeting, Ms. Parker took a vote to decide how they were going to vote on the scheduling changes - hands-up or private.

Hands-up won. Ms. Parker quickly listed the four new systems, adding "some from of" at the beginning of each one. Meanwhile, when the clock hit 4 p.m., teachers began

to walk out of the room, signifying the end of the "contract time" to stay at the meeting.

The voting continued.

The final results were:

- Some form of flextime: 5.
- Some form of extended day: 3.
- Some form of a combination: 25.
- Some form of block: 44.

For the next meet-

ing with teachers, March 10, Ms. Parker asked teachers to take the top 13 or 15 criteria out of the prior 31 listed and decide which scheduling changes would satisfy those criteria.

The Action Plan Team has 90 minutes in their next meeting to decide exactly what Ms. Parker will present to the School Committee the following day.

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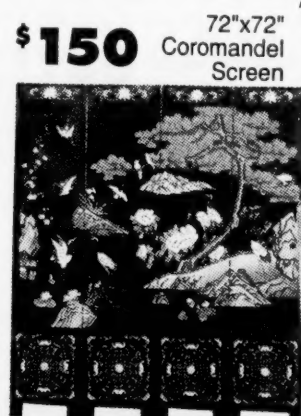
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AHS teachers favor block schedule to add academic hours

By Eszter Vajda

More than 100 teachers, parents and school officials decided that some form of block scheduling is the best way to create more academic hours for students at Andover High School. Under the 1993 Education Reform law, schools must now have a total of 990 hours of instruction a year. Teachers and others voiced their opinions at a meeting sponsored by the Action Plan Team in the cafeteria Monday, the first day back from February vacation. Ellen Parker, principal at Andover High School, headed the meeting, which ended in a straw vote on the scheduling option for year.

The four major options for scheduling changes are:

- Blocking
- Combination of options
- Flexed-time
- Extended day

Prior to the meeting, teachers were asked to vote from a list of 31 criteria on what they felt was most important to fulfill.

The votes were tallied and presented to the group by Ms. Parker.

Here are the top three criteria chosen by teachers:

1. Improve student-teacher interac-

tion (37 votes).

2. Emphasize the instruction of knowledge, skills and application (35).

2. Academic achievement overall (also received 35 votes).

3. Provide common planning time (34).

Last place, with six votes: Lost class time due to physical "break time in longer period blocks." (Block scheduling actually has less than 330 required minutes.)

With the results of the votes available to them, the meeting began.

Ms. Parker opened the meeting by reiterating her goals and visions for Andover High School. She listed curriculum, construction and school organization as defining "school culture." She defined the initial purpose of the Action Plan Team. The group was set up to meet the issues in a process that would take three to five years.

"If it could be done sooner, I wouldn't be here," she said.

Ms. Parker posed some questions to her audience: "Is this a lengthy process? Is it difficult? Can we do it?"

Heads nodded around the room.

She emphasized that teachers set high standards for students and should in turn set high standards for them-

selves. Ms. Parker said she realized that there are many stumbling blocks.

"We moan and groan about the construction. But we need to be proactive," she told the teachers.

Disappointed with students

Ms. Parker mentioned her disappointment in the students at the school. She said the appearance and care of the cafeteria after lunch is a major problem. "Students don't clean up after themselves," she said.

Ms. Parker assured teachers that a group of student volunteers would watch over lunch periods to enforce order.

Ms. Parker said she will bring charges of vandalism and arson against some students who set fire in a bathroom at the school on Friday, Jan. 31. The fire was put out by a teacher.

In another example of problems at the High School, Ms. Parker talked about the student who exposed himself in the cafeteria. He was immediately expelled.

Ms. Parker said that parents, teachers and students should work together on solving these problems.

She then opened the forum for discussion.

Questions and comments bounced back and forth from Ms. Parker to the teachers. Some were concerned about union guidelines and pay in discussing adding academic hours to the day. There was a total of \$20,000 provided by grants to teachers for training and new scheduling options. That amounts to \$180 per day per teacher for a total of \$900 a week.

"That money won't go very far," said Bruce Dewire, History teacher.

Other teachers were concerned about the added work and preparation time needed to fill a 90-minute class in block scheduling.

Ron Francis, Physics teacher, said, "Everything done in one year will have to be done in half a year. Twice the amount of chapters read, twice the number of tests administered - everything doubles."

Teachers who were familiar with block scheduling didn't agree with Mr. Francis and said the block scheduling was the best they have ever worked with.

Ms. Parker reminded teachers that the state mandate for added class time does not mean teachers would have to lecture the entire period.

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'It's a sick building' - Chief Hayes

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meeting.

If such a project were to go forward, one scenario being discussed would expand and renovate the existing building for the fire department and build an entirely new structure at some other location for police. The cost has been estimated at \$789,000 for the additions and renovations, and \$6 million for a new police station.

Another option is to add to and renovate the existing building for both departments.

The chiefs support the prior option. Buzz Stapczynski, town manager, has not included either proposal in his capital spending plan for the next five years, but in the past has leaned more toward the latter plan. And selectmen have not supported previous proposals to construct a new safety center, though the request has come up at various times during the last several years. It always seemed there were more pressing needs, and Chairman James Barenboim said Monday night that very well may happen again.

But Selectman Bill Downs, a former fire chief himself, said many of the problems at the Public Safety Center that the chiefs talked about Monday night were already problems that needed to be addressed 11 years ago when he retired, and that maybe it's time they were paid some attention.

Never adequate

The existing building was never adequate for the needs of the two departments, even when it was built in 1970, according to Chief Wright.

The project to construct the station

was a "political football" between selectmen and the town manager at the time, he said. It ended up being built for under \$1 million and was downsized so much that it was too small the day the two departments moved in.

It was built with no consideration of computer needs, the chief said. It has been rewired a number of times but still cannot accommodate the computers and other equipment in the building.

It was also built with no recognition of the two genders.

There were no separate bathroom facilities for the women on either side, and no separate shower facilities in the fire department. To accommodate women on the police side, the lobby has been all but obliterated by new walls so one of its bathrooms now serves as the women's room.

The heat, ventilation and air conditioning systems were outdated the day they were installed, Chief Wright said, adding that may be why they were obtained at such a good price. After

years of trying to keep them operational they were eventually replaced. The new system hangs from the ceiling with pipes extending every which way, and is plagued by humidity problems so that water drips from it and mold and mildew grow on the ceilings over the heads of the secretaries in the fire department.

The front of the building was constructed on an old Tyer Rubber Co. foundation and the back had a new foundation. Now parts of

the foundation are settling, causing cracking in the walls.

The building does not accommodate handicap access and an elevator would need to be installed to bring it up to code. Both departments are crammed in so tight there is no place for training in the fire department and there isn't even an interrogation room at the police department.

The life expectancy of a public safety building is 25-30 years, Chief Wright said, so it should be no surprise that this one has outlived its

usefulness.

Mr. Barenboim told the two chiefs that he had no intention of endorsing another study of the facilities to see what was needed. Those have been done in the past, at least twice and at some expense, and nothing came of them, he said. Chief Wright agreed, but also said he did not want to take part in any studies or planning unless he had a pretty good idea that at the end of it something would be done.

Selectman Charles Wesson said he would support the effort to upgrade the facilities, but that he couldn't guarantee money would be

available when it came time to vote on it. Selectman Larry Larsen said he opposed the idea of building a new public safety center when first elected to the board six years ago, but now maybe it's time.

The vote to keep the article on the warrant was a unanimous 5-0. But both Mr. Wesson and Mr. Barenboim will be gone after the election in March, and Mr. Larsen is up for re-election. And there is no guarantee any new board members will have as much sympathy toward the plight of the public safety officials as those who voted Monday night.



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Neal to recommend one of four middle school options

By Neil Fater

Looking to handle the projected population boom for Andover's middle and elementary schools, Dick Neal, superintendent, will recommend a multi-million dollar construction project to the School Committee at its next meeting, March 11.

The School Committee voted 4-0 Tuesday, asking Mr. Neal to recommend one of the four options deemed "viable" by a 34-member Space Needs Advisory Committee. All four options call for the building of a new middle school and cost more than \$20 million.

Of these four options, two would change the make-up of Andover's elementary and middle schools. Both of these two options call for Andover to build a new 5-8 middle school. This would be done either with or without renovations to the existing Doherty and West middle schools, depending on which option is selected.

Under either of these two options, Andover's elementary schools would

no longer house fifth-graders, and the middle schools would change from their current grade 6-8 configuration and become 5-8 schools.

The other two options Mr. Neal will consider would either build a new 6-8 middle school, add two rooms per grade to Sanborn Elementary, and renovate the existing middle schools; or would build a new 6-8 middle school and add two rooms per grade to Sanborn without renovating Doherty and West Middle.

If Andover maintains its 6-8 middle school, Mr. Neal said, "The chances are not great" that the state will reimburse the town for renovations to existing middle schools.

Regardless of which option is selected, "there probably will be the need for temporary measures" to alleviate overcrowding before the construction is finished, said Mr. Neal. This could mean temporary classrooms.

The schools will go to Town Meeting this year looking for \$200,000 to pay for

It would be at least 5 years before a new round of construction is completed.

preliminary designs of whatever option is selected. If the town approves money for a project, Mr. Neal said it will be at least five years before a new round of construction is completed.

But school officials know they will have their hands full selling another construction project because of all the problems at Andover High School.

"We started the committee and the meetings with people who were presupposed to space needs," said Michael Frishman, needs committee co-chairman, after the meeting. "(Convincing) the community will be much harder."

Several committee members said some residents are set against another construction project at an existing school because they fear the disruption that can be caused.

One resident at Tuesday's meeting indicated some parents are not convinced that changing to a 5-8 middle school system is the best way to go.


Floyd McManus, Doherty principal and needs committee co-chairman, said he could support a 5-8 middle school.

"In looking at it I think people found it was not something we would just be looking at for space needs," said Mr. McManus. "If I were to construct a K-12 system, that's the kind of system I would find most appropriate."

Rosemary Cogliano, a parent of four Andover students, was one of the needs committee members who visited schools that changed to a 5-8 middle school due to space-needs problems.

"The reason I offered to do that research was because I was very much opposed" to a 5-8 middle school, said Ms. Cogliano.

But Ms. Cogliano said after visiting the schools and talking to educators there she was "converted" to passionately supporting the 5-8 concept.



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School Committee

Philip J. Byers

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dle school.

3. The orderly expansion and construction of existing facilities in a safe and timely manner.

In order to build consensus in our community, the population must be educated as to the options that exist for the town. All aspects of the town's population must be included, particularly those individuals without children in the school system. Those people who do not have children in the Andover schools must understand that these goals are in their self-interest, as well, and not merely as a possible increase in their real estate taxes due to increased spending. I would participate in fact-finding forums that take place at the schools, at the Senior Center, at the Newcomers clubs, to allow for our brokering a consensus.

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Two three-year slots

Three candidates

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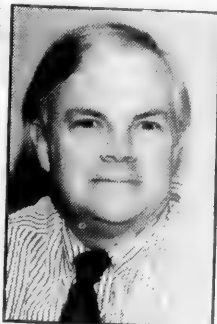
John P. Hess
145 Chestnut St.

Education, present occupation, community activities:
Housing Authority 1990-1995.

Andover Town Meeting Improvement Committee, appointed by Finance Committee.

Andover Middle School Improvement Team, 1990-1991.

Doherty Middle School PAC, 1990-1992.



John Hess

The Question

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Greater Lawrence Family Health Center board of directors, 1979-1983. Class, Inc., board of directors, 1989-1991.

Andover A Better Chance (ABC), host family.

Greater Lawrence Habitat for Humanity, volunteer

Associate director for grants and contracts, Great Brook Valley Health Center Inc., Worcester.

Andover High School Soccer Boosters, treasurer (3 years). Merrimack Junior Theater, volunteer.

Andover Soccer Association, coach (9 seasons).

A/NA Family YMCA, youth basketball coach (2 seasons).

Andover Village Improvement Society (AVIS).

Friends of Andover Memorial Hall Library.

Andover Historical Society.

MA, regional planning, Cornell University.

BS, aerospace engineering, University of Notre Dame

My top three priorities are to (1) balance needs of diverse groups; (2) maintain stable tax base; and assure that citizens feel involved.

In the next few years we face an unusual number of choices about growth and its impact on the budget. We must balance the needs of our youth with those of our seniors. We have a growing school-age population which presents challenges for school space needs and education reform. We

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League of Women Voters asks candidates to list priorities

School Committee

Two 3-year slots on committee
Three candidates

Timothy M. McCarron
33 Marland St.

Education: Merrimack College, BA political science, 1985

Lesley College Graduate School, M.Ed. in curriculum and instruction (multidisciplinary), 1995

Experience: Premier School Agendas, Blue Bell, PA, 1995 to present: Educational program consultant servicing in excess of 100 schools in four Massachusetts counties, responsibilities include faculty in-service presentations, conference presentations, and the implementation of a schoolwide organizational skills program.

Greater Lawrence Technical School, 1987 to present: Social studies department, grades 9 to 12.

Member of the National Council for the Social Studies, Massachusetts Geographic Alliance and Massachusetts Council for Social Studies, National Geographic Society member; co-facilitator of year-long professional development program on peer coaching; coordinated monthly in-service meetings, videotaped classroom instruction, 20 teachers participated.

Community involvement: Andover High School Council, community



Timothy M. McCarron

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representative 1994 to 1996.

AHS assistant varsity coach 1992-95. Town of Andover girls' summer league basketball coach 1994.

Merrimack Valley Red Cross volunteer 1995 to present.

It would be disingenuous to say that our community should not be skeptical of the recent outcomes of our school system. We have been asked to provide our children with a level of education which strives for excellence. The town responded and yet we are still mired in overcrowded schools that have been only recently "successfully" renovated. People are confused and frustrated. Rightfully so.

Our system needs a vision. We need it now.

With that vision and the resources provided, we must provide all children with the mandate of equal educational opportunity. We have for too long allowed personal agendas to dictate educational policy in this town. It is time to replace "my" child with "our" children. Our decisions and expendi-

tures should and must be allocated on an equitable basis. We need a budget which responds to our stated goals for all children in Andover.

Overcrowding, kindergarten to eighth grade, is our most pressing problem. It requires short-term solutions and long-term goals. In short, leadership is required. Leadership which reaches out to parents, faculty and all members of our community to work cooperatively to provide Andover students with what no one would ever want denied to them - equal educational opportunity.

Frank "Skip" Eccles
Brookfield Road

Retired Phillips Academy math teacher, coach, dean of studies; now teaches math part-time at Merrimack College.

Founder of summer program for public high school math teachers, of which he was director, co-director 13 years.

Board of directors of Partners in Education, coordinating all volunteer efforts in Lawrence public schools.

Volunteer co-teacher, with wife, of Project Charlie in Lawrence's Storrow Elementary School.

1. Strengthening the quality of Andover public school education in general; and, in particular, solving the increasingly severe problem of overcrowding in the elementary and

middle schools.

2. Providing an array of stimulating and wholesome opportunities outside of school for Andover youths.

3. Providing facilities that will enable us to better address the diverse needs of a growing population of older citizens.

I will try to provide leadership primarily in the area of strengthening public education by serving on the School Committee. As a career educator, I bring broad experience which should be helpful to the committee. As a semi-retired person I will have the time to devote to committee business and to listen to the concerns of the community. I will do my homework and ask the kind of questions which could be helpful to the committee and to the school administration in reaching good decisions.

Philip J. Byers
1 Carriage Hill Road

Education: BA Colby College, J.D. Suffolk University Law School.

Lawyer for 23 years, specializing in divorce.

Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.



Philip J. Byers

1. The restructuring of Andover's grade configuration to K-4, 5-8, and 9-12.

2. The expansion of the facilities at West Middle School, Doherty Middle School and construction of a new mid-

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WHAT'S UP? The AYS 3-on-3 Hoopfest set for Saturday is now postponed

By Glenn Wilson
By now, most of Andover 01810 — and surrounding towns — are aware of the fantastic seasons the Andover High men's and women's varsity basketball teams have had this year.

With varsity tournament play underway (see *SPORTS*, page 38), Andover Youth Services has decided to postpone

its second annual Sportcourt 3-on-3 Hoopfest scheduled for Saturday, March 1, at the AHS field-house.

This tournament for Andover residents only, male or female, in grades 6-12, allows teams to include a maximum of one varsity player per team.

"We urge everyone to get out there and support these

two great basketball teams," said Bill Fahey, Andover Youth Services coordinator.

Stay tuned to the *WHAT'S UP* column in

the *Townsmen* for details on a new date and time. So there's more time to get your best three-man or woman team together to compete.

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by Detlef Schoeppler
American Express Financial Advisors

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When you're considering buying a mutual fund, what do you look for? Of course, you'll want a fund that has a good long-term track record, so you will probably want to examine the fund's performance over the past five or ten years. And you'll want to make sure the fund's management and expense fees are reasonable.

Beyond these factors, however, is another important element in choosing a mutual fund — how much of your earnings you'll get to keep.

Unless your mutual fund is contained within a tax-qualified retirement plan, such as a 401(k), you will have to pay taxes on the earnings you receive in the form of dividends and capital gains distributions, even if you automatically reinvest this money into your fund. Also, if you've owned a mutual fund for more than a year and you sell shares that have appreciated in price, you will have to pay a capital gains tax.

You can't ignore these tax regulations, but you can find ways to lessen their impact. Here are a few suggestions:

- **Delay buying more fund shares until after the fund makes its distribution** — If you're planning on investing a large sum into your mutual fund, then you might want to wait until after the fund makes a capital gains distribution. Otherwise, you'll just find your money coming back at you — and you'll have to pay taxes on it. Most funds make these distributions at the end of the year, while some also distribute in mid-year. You can call your fund to find out the exact dates.

- **Look for "tax-efficient" funds** — When you're selecting a mutual fund, try to find one that is "tax-efficient." A fund is considered tax-efficient if its return is largely due to capital appreciation, rather than distributions. You pay taxes on capital gains only when you sell the fund, whereas distributions are taxable every year. Therefore, a tax-efficient fund can make a big difference in your after-tax return over a period of years.

- **Sell fund shares with the smallest price increase** — If you're planning to sell some shares of your mutual fund, you'll come out ahead, in terms of paying taxes, if you sell the shares that showed the smallest price increase, or the biggest loss.

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John Hess

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must strengthen the central business district. We must continue our diverse residential, commercial, and industrial tax base; a diversity which has been key to Andover's vitality.

I am committed to urging all elected officials and others to work collaboratively to determine what Andover will be like in the future.

We have a tradition of volunteers serving the town on boards and committees. I will seek ways to show appreciation for their efforts and ways for all citizens to be informed and to participate.

James Fox Walnut Avenue

Graduate of Penn State University.
Successful financial business owner.
Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company.

Boston Athenaeum proprietor.
Andover Town Republican Committee.

Appointed by Gov. Weld to the Investment Advisory Council.

Samaritans, Lawrence Elks, Arbitrator NASD, Knights of Columbus, Member of MENSA.

Red Cross blood donor - 65 pints.

Andover Police auxiliary - 25 years.

The town of Andover is at a crossroads on three very important issues. First, and certainly most pressing is the new composition of the board must smoothly provide closure to the current error-plagued construction at the High School; and, we must balance fiscal responsibility with the space needs created by the influx of more children to our middle schools. Also, we cannot afford any further miscalculations as to the appropriate computer technology costs.

Second, our community must make some hard choices related to the rampant growth of our residential base. A significant control mechanism to restrain unbridled growth is through the prudent allocations of new sewer lines. A building moratorium should be considered carefully, and perhaps distinguishing between existing lots and new subdivisions.

Third, any community with foresight must address the concerns of and needs of its youth and elderly. The condition and limitations of the current Senior Center demands continued consideration from the town and some planning should involve a youth recreation area.

Finally, I believe these priorities can be competently addressed, in an open and inclusive decision-making process. I possess a strong managerial and financial background and I have a proven record of commitment.



James Fox

Three-year selectman (3 running)

Brian P. Major 116 Woburn St.

Occupation: Senior engineer, Lucent Technologies, North Andover, nine years.

The Question

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Education: Bachelor of science degree in industrial engineering, Northeastern University, 1988.

Master of business administration degree, U-Massachusetts Lowell, 1992.

Master of science degree in industrial engineering Purdue University, 1996

Affiliations: Andover Youth Council adult member; Friends of Andover Youth treasurer; Andover Senior Center volunteer; North Essex Boy Scout District chairman; Yankee Clipper Council executive board member (BSA); National Eagle Scout Assoc.; Knights of Columbus; St. Augustine Eucharistic minister; National Engineering Honor Society; National Industrial Engineering Honor Society; National Business Honor Society; 1988 Scholastic All-American; MV Student Scholarship fund-raiser marketing and sales coordinator; outreach programs at Holy Family Hospital; St. Ann's Home volunteer; Merrimack Valley Chorus; Army ROTC; Kids on the Block Puppet Troop - youth disability awareness; Lawrence HS Youth at Risk mentor coordinator; Lawrence Middle School WINGS program; Boston Athletic Assoc. volunteer; Merrimack Valley Softball League.

Three priorities for the town of Andover

1. Re-evaluate and update the town's 1992 Master Plan. A critical

aspect of the plan that needs immediate attention is the evaluation of the land-use element which considers future residential, commercial and industrial growth areas. We also need to consider the implications of these growth issues on the impact of the fundamental town resources including infrastructure, health and safety.

2. Provide the necessary support for our seniors and youth. I support responsibly addressing the needs of our seniors as they work toward a senior center. I also support innovative initiatives to enhance the educational and discretionary time opportunities for our youth.

3. Develop a sound and responsible budget for our residential and business taxpayers. I support strong project management that addresses town needs and eliminates unnecessary waste. I also support quality and cost-control initiatives that encourage communication between townspeople and town departments to identify more efficient ways to perform municipal functions.

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Brian Major

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Cynthia Arsenault

Parents and teachers of children grades K through 12, including children with special needs, are invited.

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'Villains' musical opens at Pike School tonight

The musical "Villains" opens at Pike School tonight, Thursday, Feb. 27. The eighth-grade production features 53 students involved in singing or instrumental accompaniment. Several eighth-grade students and faculty members Larry Robertson and Shelley

Bolman, both of whom have worked with productions on the professional stage, wrote the script about villains and villainy told in story and song. Performances are open to the public Thursday, Feb. 27, and Friday, Feb. 28, at 7 p.m. A \$5 donation may be made at the door.

Middle-school students invited to Spring Fling

The Andona Society and the Andover/North Andover YMCA will sponsor the fourth annual Spring Fling at the YMCA Saturday, March 8, from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All Andover sixth, fifth- and eighth-graders are invited to this middle-school-only event.

Activities will include swimming, basketball and volleyball with tips and help from star high school players, step aerobics, games and mat room.

DJ Mickey Hart will provide music for dancing and pizza and soda will be served.

The cost is \$7 per person. A parent's permission slip, available at all Andover middle

school offices, is necessary for admission. Space is limited to 175 students.

This chemical-free celebration chaperoned by Andona members and middle-school parent volunteers will introduce middle-school students to high school members of GUTS (Growing Up Taking a Stand Against Drugs and Alcohol) and SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving). Cecile Blaise, DARE officer from the Andover Police Department, student government and varsity teams will also be present. For more information, call Linda Desjardins at 475-6410, Arleen Jaracz at 749-3186, or Karen Rinaldi at 475-5258.

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Collecting clocks is the theme of Bob Frishman's presentation Thursday, March 6, at Andover Historical Society at 7:30 p.m.

The owner of Bell-Time Clocks, Mr. Frishman repairs, restores and sells clocks in Andover. He is treasurer of the National Antique Watch and Clock Collectors, New England Chapter 8.

His program is the second in the annual decorative arts series co-sponsored with the North Andover Historical Society. Admission is \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members. Proceeds provide museum tours and activities for school children at the Andover and North Andover historical societies.

Mr. Frishman writes, "In the beginning nobody knew what time it was and nobody cared. Now, we observe and measure the passage of time as a cultural obsession, noting each second on nearly every wall, wrist, dashboard and household appliance. One way to soften this obsession, to connect it more with our history and forebears, is to own and collect old clocks and watches.

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Village Garden Club to meet at the Andover Historical Society

The Village Garden Club of Andover will meet at the Andover Historical Society on Main Street Thursday, Feb. 27, at 1 p.m. Vicki Coderre will present "A Visit to Callaway Garden" by video. Hostesses are Michael Beckerman, Sue Dietzel, Claire Enos and Patti-Lou Murray. Kathy Baun will provide the flower arrangement.

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SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, March 3-7:

Elementary schools

Monday: Hot dog on roll, mustard, relish, ketchup, carrot and celery sticks, fruit cup, milk or juice.

Tuesday: Baked chicken nuggets with honey dip, french fries, ketchup, green beans, wheat bread and butter, school-baked cookie, milk or juice.

Wednesday: Hamburger or cheeseburger on roll, french fries, ketchup, carrot and celery sticks, chilled peaches, milk or juice.

Thursday: French toast with hot maple syrup, sausage patty, applesauce, peach crisp with crumb topping, milk or juice.

Friday: Taco boat with ground beef, lettuce, tomato and cheese, corn, orange, milk

or juice.

A pizza or peanut butter and jelly lunch is available daily.

Middle schools

Monday: Hamburger or cheeseburger on roll, sliced carrots, potato chips, fruit cup, milk; or, hot pastrami sub, cheese, pickles, onions, potato chips, fruit cup, milk.

Tuesday: Steak sub with choice of peppers, onions and cheese, french fries, peas, fudge brownie, milk; or, chicken nuggets with honey dip, french fries, peas, bread and butter, fudge brownie, milk.

Wednesday: Taco boat with meat stuffing, lettuce, tomato and cheese, corn, pudding with topping, milk; or, spaghetti with meat sauce, lettuce and tomato cup, corn, bread and butter, pudding with topping, milk.

Thursday: Cutlet sub with tomato sauce and cheese, green beans, deep dish pie with crumb topping, milk; or, roast round of beef, brown sauce, whipped potatoes, green beans, bread and butter, deep dish pie with topping.

Friday: Grilled cheese sandwich, wax beans, potato chips, chilled pears, milk; or, baked pork chopette, brown sauce, whipped potatoes, wax beans, bread and butter, chilled pears, milk.

A pizza or sub lunch is available daily. All menus are subject to change.

School department budget workshop is tonight at 7

There will be a school department budget workshop tonight, Thursday, Feb. 27, at 7 in the School Committee Meeting Room, on the second floor of the School Administration Building.

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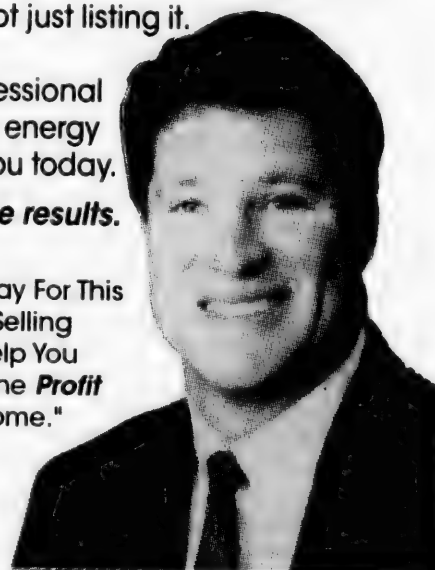
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**Rachel Lynn
Marinelli**

Rachel Lynn Marinelli was born Feb. 9, 1996. Her parents are Laurie and David Marinelli of Noel Road. Grandparents are Richard and Maryanne Crittenden of North Andover and Virginia Marinelli of Andover. Rachel had a wonderful time at her first birthday party, especially with the balloons, her parents said.



**Katherine Margaret
Paquette**

Katherine Margaret Paquette was born Feb. 20, 1996. Her parents are Chris and Eileen (Kenneally) Paquette of Topping Road. Grandparents are John Kenneally of Medford and Chris and Joyce Paquette of Haverhill. Great-grandmother is Rose Cuscia of Methuen. Katherine has a brother, Brendan, 3. Katie loves to talk on the phone and play with her dog, Heidi.



**Julia Sage
Unger**

Julia Sage Unger turned 1 year old on Feb. 8. Her parents are Bonnie and Ken Unger of Acorn Drive. Grandparents are Ethel and Charles Unger of New York and Leni Marder of Randolph and the late Joseph Marder. Her great-grandmother is Bess Marder of Lynn. Julia enjoys traveling, meeting new friends, watching her Big Bird A-B-C video, and playing with her parents.



**Jack Tyler
Carroll**

Jack Tyler Carroll celebrated his first birthday Feb. 5. Jack's parents are Dan and Lisa Carroll of Andover. Grandparents are Joan Carroll of Tewksbury and Carol and Ron Nordstrom of Ohio. Great-grandmother Mary Bonifante lives in Woburn. Jack loves posing for the camera and playing with Haus, his bulldog.



**Genevieve Anne
Medina**

Genevieve Anne Medina will celebrate her first birthday Feb. 28. Her parents are Frank and Theresa Medina of Andover. Grandparents are Helen Franey of Andover and Torrey and Robert Bartlett of Winnetka, Ill. Her big sister and playmate is Yvonne. Genevieve enjoys playing peek-a-boo and waking her parents in the middle of the night.



**Alexa Raye
Baldwin**

Alexa Raye Baldwin was born Feb. 16, 1996. Her parents are Ernie and Tara (Hegarty) Baldwin of Reservation Road. Grandparents are Sharon Hegarty and Ernest and Shirley Baldwin, all of Andover. Great-grandmother is Barbara Cutler of North Hampton, N.H., formerly of Andover. Alexa enjoys playing with her cat, Kohl, and sharing Cheerios with him.



**Olivia Rose
Szendly**

Olivia Rose Szendly of Marilyn Road celebrated her first birthday Feb. 23. She loves playing with her farm, reading *Pat the Bunny* with her sister, Caroline, 3½, and crawling after her parents, Maura and Andrew Szendly.



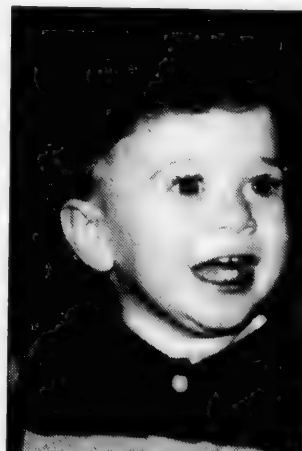
**Peter Ambrose
Schiavoni**

Peter Ambrose Schiavoni was born Feb. 11, 1996. Peter lives on Avery Lane with his parents, Peter and Janet Dwyer Schiavoni. He likes to play with older brothers, Billy, 3, and Tommy, 19 months.



**Alexa Grace
Rockwell**

Leap-year baby Alexa Grace Rockwell was born Feb. 29, 1996. She lives in Andover with her mom and dad and sister, Brianna, 2½. Alexa loves to cuddle and loves her thumb, her parents said.



**Peter Liam
McGrath**

Peter Liam McGrath was born Feb. 28, 1996. His parents are Donna and David McGrath of Andover. Grandparents are Jean and Al Maretsky of New York and Joann McGrath of Boston and Palm Springs, Calif. Peter has three brothers, Matthew, 8, Timothy, 6, and Patrick, 4.



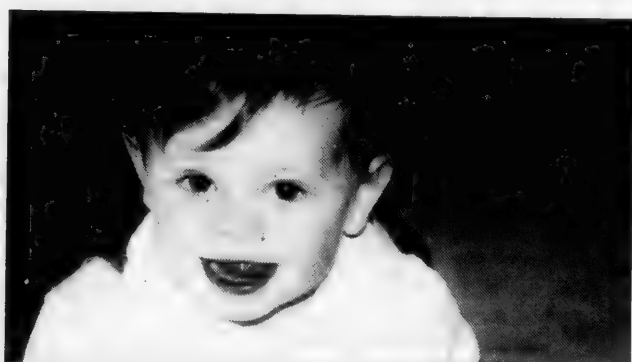
**Benjamin Robert
Brown**

Benjamin Robert Brown turned 1 on Feb. 1. His parents are Carmella and Stephen Brown of Andover. Grandparents are Carmella and John Beary of Petersham and Janice Brown of Cambridge. Ben loves riding his rocking horse and playing with his big sister, Sarah.



**Drew Laurence
Jacobs**

Drew Laurence Jacobs was born Feb. 1, 1996. His parents are Nicki and Stephen Jacobs of Silver Springs, Md. Grandparents are Myrna and Jerry Silverman of Andover and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jacobs of Annapolis, Md. Drew has a brother, Brian, 4.



◀ Leah Catherine Bonin was born Feb. 2, 1996. Her parents are Cathy and Rick Bonin. Grandparents are Dolores and Dick Bonin and Shirley Routhier of Lawrence. Leah loves her 2-year-old Lab, Monroe, who climbs all over and shares all her food.



◀ Dylan Patrick Ring, son of Kurt and Wendy Ring of Gould Road, celebrated his first birthday recently. Grandparents are Frank and Diane Ring of Belmont and Chuck and Donna Fletcher of Alton Bay, N.H.

Can spring be far behind?**AVIS annual meeting March 11 to feature a 'breathtaking' nature multimedia show**

By Marta Hornidge

The AVIS annual meeting will be held Tuesday, March 11, at the Ramada Rolling Green Hotel on Lowell Street (Route 133). This informal evening is open to the public.

AVIS trustees will have Karl Schanz, one of New England's leading photographers, present his show, "Right Time, Right Place." The show will take the audience to some of the most breathtaking spots in the United States. Mr. Schanz's audiovisual slide presentation uses a two-projector dissolve technique accompanied by music. Mr. Schanz is a member of the Mass. Camera Naturalist Club, and master member of New England Camera Club and Merrimack Valley Camera Club.

Featured in an article in the *Sunday Boston Globe*, Mr. Schanz has won top photographic awards. Born in Germany, the North Tewksbury resident is a camera repairman.

A social hour at 6 p.m. (hors d'oeuvres and cash bar) will be followed by a sit-down dinner at 7 and a brief annual meeting and slide show at 8:15.

Dinner reservations at \$20 per person can be made by calling Rachel Garcia at 475-3101. **Nature Guide is completed**

The West Parish Meadow Nature Guide is completed and will be sold at the meeting. After March 11, the booklet will be available at Moor and Mountain store.

Despite the brown winter, which effectively prevented local skiing, Sunday AMC hikes on AVIS reservations were substituted for skiing trips and have been fully attended.

A three-generation family AVIS member team cleared Hammond Reservation of the fallen trees and bushes that obscured the path. Building a boardwalk through a short, swampy area will complete the circle through this property.

The walk through the reservation can be extended by circling Skug Reservation just across Salem Street from Hammond. These two properties provide a three-four mile expedition through historic areas.

More AVIS news will be announced at the annual meeting. Enter the Ramada through the ballroom entrance on the side of the hotel and park between the tennis facility and the side of the Ramada.

Daffodil Days are March 18-23

American Cancer Society Greater Lawrence Unit will sell fresh daffodils to help fight cancer and celebrate spring on Daffodil Days, March 18-23. A bouquet of 10 daffodils costs \$5.

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Flowers arrive the week of March 17. Free delivery is available for orders of 10 bouquets or more. Orders of fewer than 10 bouquets can be picked up Thursday, March 20, at CVS, 68 Main St., between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Andover Garden Club 'Hats Off' meeting is Tuesday at 12:30

The Andover Garden Club will meet Tuesday, March 4, at Unitarian Universalist Church on Locke Street at 12:30 p.m. "Hats Off," a program of in-house enterprise and display of talents, will feature hats or headpieces designed by members using plant materials.

"Attendees are encouraged to wear their favorite hat. Here's your chance to create your spring bonnet. Non-members are welcome," organizers said.

WHAT'S UP?

(Continued from page 17)

and girls. Dates are Tuesdays, starting March 25, from 2:30-5 p.m. Limited to the first 12 that sign up. Transportation is provided. Doherty students should meet in front of town offices after school, and West Middle students will be picked up promptly after school. Drop off is at West Middle School at 5 p.m. Cost is \$40 for the four-week session. Registration forms are available at the DCS or AYS office.

Java Jam Feb. 28 (high school)

Warm up with a hot cup of brew and listen to the acoustic sounds of some of Andover's fine musicians. Join the Youth Council and S.A.D.D. Friday, Feb. 28, at Old Town Hall, 8-11 p.m. Tickets are available at the door. **Spring Lacrosse (middle school)**

Registration for

the spring season has begun and the teams are almost filled. Sign up quick and be a part of Andover's first lacrosse teams. There are divisions for 12 and under and 14 and under. Registration forms are available in the DCS and AYS offices or call 623-8241.

► For more information about **WHAT'S UP**, call Bill Fahey, Andover Youth Services coordinator, at 623-8241; or Jack Grady, *Townsmen* assistant editor, at 475-1943.

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Grants will benefit education

Rep. Barry Finegold, D-Andover, announced a series of grants totaling \$1,969 has been made to benefit local educational programming by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. The grants are made possible through the Event and Residency Program, which supports short- and long-term artist residencies in schools and the Science in the Community Initiative, which engages students in science programs out of school.

"These grants enable our children to experience quality programs that stimulate imaginations, build critical and creative thinking skills and broaden cultural

experiences," said Rep. Finegold.

Event and Residency grants were given to the following Andover schools:

Bancroft Elementary School received \$250 for a fifth-grade study of U.S. westward expansion through participatory drama activities with Linda Myer and performance of songs relating to the westward expansion with singer/songwriter Joanne Olshansky Hammil.

Pike School received \$233 for two performances combining the arts and history for students in grades K-9 by multidisciplinary artists Ayriel.

Sanborn Elementary School received \$250 for a perfor-

mance by The Gerwick Puppets dramatizing tales of New England author Thornton Burgess for grades 2 and 3 and \$250 for demonstrations on how to create a book by author/illustrator Brian Lies for grade 2 students.

South Elementary School received \$176 for two 45-minute performances demonstrating a variety of percussion instruments from around the world by Spectrum Percussion Trio for students in grades K-5.

West Elementary School received \$338 for three performances of "Roots of American Dance" by dancers Bob Thomas and Idy Codington for students in grades 3-5.

West Elementary Readers and Writers Conference

Illustrators bringing stories to life

Children book illustrators Giles LaRoche and Brian Lies will join authors, including Andover's Maureen Wittbold and Jeffrey Kelly, storytellers, songwriters, and puppeteers at West Elementary's second annual WERAWC the week of March 10-14.

Mr. LaRoche, of Salem, Mass., will demonstrate his unusual art form with students in grades 3 and 4. He uses a paper-relief technique to create dimensional and life-like illustrations for children's books. His brilliant cut-paper collages create dramatic visual effects in books such as *The Color Box*, *Sing A Song of People*, *A Road Might Go Anywhere*, *General Store*, and *Ragged Shadows*.

Mr. Lies, of Norfolk, will speak with students in grades K-3 about the process of writing and illustrating children's picture books. He has illustrated 10 children's books with Houghton Mifflin Co., including

the comical *Hamlet* and *The Enormous Chinese Dragon Kite*. Mr. Lies has done illustrations for *Cricket*, *Ladybug* and *Spider* magazines and is a free-lance political/op-ed page illustrator with the *Boston Globe*, *Harvard Magazine*, and *Boston Business*.

Other writers and artists will be Lucinda Landon, Ted Murphy, and Alexandra

White. Also participating will be songwriter Rebecca Golden, storyteller JoAnn Wangh and puppeteers Deborah Costline and Lenny Gerwick and The Gerwick Puppets.

WERAWC is one of the many enrichment programs arranged by the school's cultural events program which is funded by the West Elementary PTO.

OBITUARIES

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band, Bruno M. Skiba of Andover; sons, Barry Skiba of Texas and Dr. Daniel Sheehy of California; daughter, Kathleen Sheehy of Lawrence; sisters, Mary Kasanovich and Julia Peters, both of Andover, and Amy Lang of South Carolina; three grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were private. Cremation was in Linwood Crematory in Haverhill.

Arrangements were by Rosinski Salem Street Funeral Home Inc. in Lawrence.

Memorial contributions may be made to Holy Family Oncology Department, care of Foundation Office, 70 East St., Methuen, Mass. 01844.

Ethel Sherman Operated Central Shoe Store in Waterbury, Conn.

Ethel (Rubin) Sherman, 84, of Andover died Friday, Feb. 21, at Lawrence General Hospital.

Mrs. Sherman was born and educated in New Haven, Conn. She had lived in Waterbury, Conn., for more than 50 years before she moved to Andover in 1993.

She and her late husband, Samuel Sherman, operated Central Shoe Store in Waterbury until it closed in 1970.

Mrs. Sherman was a member of B'nai Shalom Synagogue of Waterbury, B'nai Shalom Synagogue Sisterhood and Hadassah.

Members of her family include her daughters, Eli-

nor Bromberg of Andover and Harriet Zube of Santa Monica, Calif.; sister, Mabel Greenspun of Fairfield, Conn.; four grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held at Hebrew Benefit Association Cemetery in Waterbury.

Arrangements were by Goldman-Fisher Chapel in Malden.

Memorial contributions may be made to Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover, Mass. 01810.

Alice G. O'Toole Elementary schoolteacher

Alice G. (O'Heir) O'Toole, 94 of 7 Carlisle St., died Tuesday, Feb. 25, at Lawrence General Hospital in Lawrence.

Mrs. O'Toole taught in the Andover school system, mostly at South School. She was born in Lowell and was a graduate of Trinity College.

She was a member of St. Augustine Church in Andover, the Andover Senior Center, the Andover Women's Club, the Andover Bridge Club and the Singles Club.

Members of her family include her husband, Austin J. O'Toole; sons, Austin P. and his wife, Martha, of Hampstead, N.H., Richard A. of North Andover, Daniel J. and his wife, Joan, of Windham, N.H., and Edward A. and his wife, Sandra, of North Andover; seven grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. A funeral Mass will be said at 10 a.m. tomor-

row, Friday, in St. Augustine Church. Burial will follow at St. Augustine Cemetery, Andover.

Calling hours are scheduled from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. today, Thursday, at the Dewhirst and Conte Funeral Home, 17 Third St., North Andover.

Dolores McAuliffe Licensed nurse

Dolores C. (Choquette) McAuliffe, of 17 Stevens St., and of St. Petersburg Fla., died Monday, Feb. 24, at her home in Andover.

Mrs. McAuliffe was born in New Bedford and worked as a licensed practical nurse. She was a member of the Ladies Sodality of Holy Family Church and the American Legion Auxiliary, both in St. Petersburg. Members of her family include her husband, Albert F. McAuliffe, daughters Anne L. and husband Kenneth Collins of Andover, and Jeanne McAuliffe of Pleasanton, Calif., sons Paul E. of Boxborough; a brother, Larry Choquette of St. Petersburg Fla.; and two granddaughters. She was the mother of the late Michael McAuliffe.

A funeral Mass will be said at 10 a.m. today, Thursday, in St. Clement's Church in Somerville. Burial will be in Puritan Lawn Memorial Park, Peabody.

Calling hours were scheduled for 6 to 9 Wednesday, Feb. 26, at the George L. Doherty Funeral Home, 855 Broadway Somerville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Merrimack Valley Hospice, 1 Union St., Andover, 01810.

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OBITUARIES

Diane L. Fuller Worked for Kirkwood Printing

Diane L. (Johnson) Tufano Fuller, 53, of Andover died Wednesday, Feb. 19, at Holy Family Hospital in Methuen.

Mrs. Fuller was born in Lawrence. She formerly worked for Kirkwood Printing of Wilmington.

Members of her family include her husband, Charles Fuller of Andover; daughters, Toni Tufano of Andover and Tina Gearhart of Plaistow, N.H., and her husband, John Gearhart; parents Charles and Grace (Gibson) Johnson of Elkton, Fla.; sister, Linda Johnson of Tampa, Fla.; three grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Cremation took place in Linwood Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Burke

Deaths Elsewhere

ALEXANDER — Richard A. Alexander, 89, of Methuen died Saturday, Feb. 22, at Holy Family Hospital in Methuen of lung cancer.

Mr. Alexander was director of inventory with Raytheon Co. of Andover for 30 years before he retired.

Members of his family include his niece, Sheila M. Mulcahy of Andover.

BRICKMAN — Martha M. Brickman, 74, died Wednesday, Feb. 19, at Prescott House Nursing Home in North Andover.

Members of her family include her son and daughter-in-law, A. Donald and Jane Brickman of Andover.

LEVESQUE — Adeline "Addie" (Coulombe) Levesque, 86, died Friday, Feb. 21, at Wingate at Andover.

PARADIS — Evelina (Mailloux) Paradis, 89, of New Bedford died Wednesday, Feb. 19, after a long illness.

Members of her family include her son and daughter-in-law, Andre and Anne Paradis of Andover.

TWOMEY — Cornelius J. Twomey, 88, of North Andover died Tuesday, Feb. 18, at Lawrence General Hospital.

Members of his family include his son, attorney Paul L. Twomey and sister, Lt. Cmdr. retired, Naval Nurse Corps, Nora Jean Twomey, both of Andover.

Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, 14 Loon Hill Road, Dracut Village Square, Dracut, Mass. 01826.

Gladys Eriksen Services are tomorrow

Gladys (Kennedy) Eriksen, 86, of Andover died Friday, Feb. 21, at Lawrence General Hospital.

Mrs. Eriksen was born in Boston. She was a former resident of Needham.

Members of her family include her daughters, Linda Desmarais of Andover and Karen Campanella of Needham; son, Steven Eriksen of Marshfield; and eight grandchildren.

A celebration of her life will be held Friday, Feb. 28, at 2 p.m. in West Parish Church. Cremation was in Linwood Crematory in Haverhill.

Arrangements were by Burke Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Professional Center for Handicapped Children, 32 Osgood St., Andover, Mass. 01810.

Norman P. Salem Tech School wrestling coach

Norman P. Salem, 60, of Lawrence died Thursday, Feb. 20, at Lawrence General Hospital after being stricken at home.

Mr. Salem was born and educated in Lawrence. He was a star athlete in the class of 1956 at Lawrence High School.

Mr. Salem received a bachelor of science degree in industrial engineering from Merrimack College. He studied at Fitchburg State College and received a master of science degree in education in 1977 and a certificate of advanced graduate study in 1982.

Mr. Salem was a faculty member of the Greater Lawrence Technical School from 1970 to 1993. The former New England wrestling champion was the school's wrestling coach for more than 10 years. Many of his wrestlers competed in state championship meets.

He was an adviser to the pep club, student council and junior and senior classes. The class of 1986 dedicated their yearbook to him.

A participant in the school's Gourmet Club, he accompanied students throughout Europe, South America and Hawaii. He organized numerous school activities and was an adviser to fund-raising, yearbook committee and school dances and proms.

He and his late brother, Edward Salem, ran the youth wrestling program at the Lawrence YMCA. Their teams were New England AAU champions for many years.

Mr. Salem placed second in the 1964 Olympic trials at Flushing Meadows, N.Y.

He had also taught at Lawrence High School.

Mr. Salem was proprietor of Norm Salem's Luncheonette and later owned Elaine's Fish & Chip. He also operated the food concession stand at Forest Lake in Methuen.

Mr. Salem was a member of the United Charitable Society of Lawrence and Pontiac Club and St. Anthony Maronite Church in Lawrence.

Members of his family include his wife of 24 years, Patricia (Cavanaugh) Salem of Lawrence; daughter, Kimberly Ann Salem, also of Lawrence; sisters, Wanda Skandier of Lawrence and Nellie Williams of Methuen; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was said Monday in St. Anthony Maronite Church. Entombment was in St. Mary Immac-

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Evelina Paradis, 89

Norman P. Salem, 60

Ethel Sherman, 84

Blanche M. Skiba, 82

Cornelius J. Twomey, 88

ulate Conception Mausoleum in Lawrence.

Arrangements were by Farrah Funeral Home in Lawrence.

Blanche M. Skiba Longtime resident

Blanche M. (Kasanovich) (Sheehy) Skiba, 82, of Andover died Saturday at Holy Family Hospital in Methuen.

Mrs. Skiba was born and educated in Lawrence. She had lived in Andover for 55 years.

Mrs. Skiba was a retired tax examiner for the Internal Revenue Service and a member of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees.

Members of her family include her hus-

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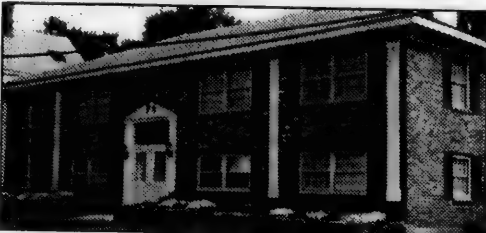
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League of Women Voters asks candidates to list priorities

3-year selectman (3 running)

Larry Larsen

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Larry Larsen (incumbent)
Bryan Lane

Occupation: Child psychologist.

The three issues which seem to matter most to many in Andover are:

1. Implement a vision for Andover as a town rich in diversity yet committed to a sense of community and neighborhood.

2. Planning for the environment and controlled growth as our main legacy for the future.

3. Restore affordability for those young and old already a part of our town.

Everything is accomplished by people. The energy and talent available in Andover are unbelievable.

Using the people of our town, the Board of Selectmen should act to set the agenda to solve these problems. By creating task forces and community groups, the Board of Selectmen will use



Larry Larsen

The Question

The League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover asked School Committee candidates Philip Byers, Timothy McCarron and Skip Eccles; and one-year selectman candidates John Hess and James Fox; as well as three-year selectman seat candidates Larry Larsen, Brian Major and Susan Jenkins the following question:

List your top three priorities for the town of Andover. Be specific. How do you envision providing leadership to build community consensus on these issues?

the energies, vision, and skills of many to deal with such issues as helping retirees continue to afford Andover, limiting growth and increasing conservation efforts, enhancing the tax base by creating a positive business climate, inspiring and supporting downtown improvement initiatives, upgrading and improving downtown, and keeping the spirit of the 350th alive with community-wide experiences and events.

Susan E. Jenkins
15 West Parish Drive

Present occupation: Mother
Education: Andover public schools,

graduated 1970, and Smith College, BA, 1974.

Community activities: Andover Society, 1983-present; West Elementary PTO, 1983-1993; Andover School Committee, 1990-1993; Andover School Building Committee, 1993-present; Andover/North Andover YMCA board of directors, 1989-1993; Andover 350th Committee; American Liver Foundation, N.E. chapter board of directors, 1985-present; League of Women Voters, 1993-present, president, 1994-1996.

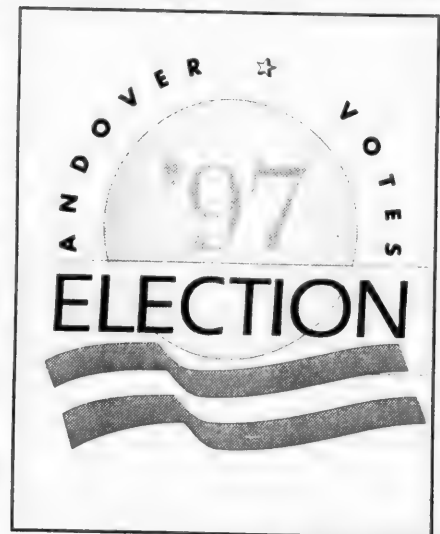
Three top priorities for the town of Andover:

1. The Board of Selectmen must provide more leadership in identifying and coordinating our town's needs as we face the potential of building a senior center, a youth center, new school space and a public safety building. We already have the resources. We just need creative solutions so that tax dollars will be efficiently spent.

2. Continuous improvement of our



Susan Jenkins



town's infrastructure: We have a huge investment of tax dollars in our buildings, sidewalks and roads. We must protect this investment.

3. Comprehensive planning of open space to provide a balance of conservation and recreational space.

I believe that the Board of Selectmen must be the leaders in developing community consensus. It is not enough to post public meetings without ensuring that the public will participate. We must actively seek out residents and bring them into the decision-making process. Citizen input is necessary to reach a balanced and effective solution.

Debates, voter registration: What you need to know

Annual town election is March 24

The annual town election is Monday, March 24. Polls will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. All precincts will vote at the new gym at Andover High School on Shawsheen Road.

Parking and the entrance are in the rear of the new building that houses the gym.

Last day to register to vote in the election and the Town Meeting

The last day to register for the election and annual town meeting is Tuesday, March 4. The town clerk's office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. for voter registration.

Mail-in registration forms are available in all post offices, Memorial Hall Library, the Andover Senior Citizen Center and town offices. Mail-in forms must be postmarked by March 4 to be accepted.

For more information, call the town clerk's office at 623-8200.

Meet the candidates Saturday and attend a debate March 13

The League of Women Voters of Andover and North Andover will host two events so voters can learn more about the candidates running for elected office. Town elections are Monday, March 24.

A "Meet the Candidates" coffee will be held in the Andover Bank lobby on Main Street Saturday, March 1, from 9 a.m. to noon.

A debate is scheduled for Thursday, March 13, at Memorial Hall Library at 7:30 p.m. The debate will be broadcast live and taped for re-broadcast on TCI Cablevision's municipal channel.

Candidates for the two open seats on School Committee, three available seats on Board of Selectmen, two candidates for town moderator and the candidate running unopposed for the Andover seat on the Greater Lawrence Regional Vocational Technical High School's School Committee have all been invited.

Opening statements from each candidate will be followed by questions from the audience.

The League of Women Voters is a 100-year-old, nonpartisan organization dedicated to representative govern-

ment through citizen participation in the democratic process. Its goal is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government.

5 selectman candidates to debate March 6 at Chamber event

The Andover Chamber of Commerce will hold a candidates' forum Thursday, March 6, at the Andover Marriott from 7:30 to 9 a.m. Candidates invited include James E. Fox, John Hess, Susan Jenkins, Larry Larsen and Brian Major. The continental breakfast costs \$5.

RSVP to Andover Chamber of Commerce, a division of the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce, 264 Essex St., Lawrence, Mass. 01840.

League's forum tonight at 7:30 is about growth

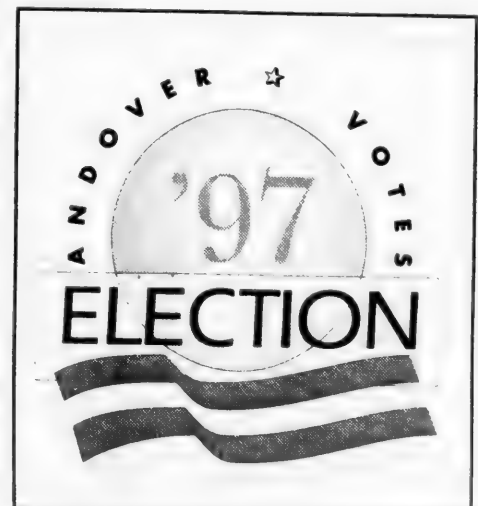
If development in Andover and North Andover continues at the current rate, how will the towns be impacted by the population growth and will adequate infrastructures and ser-

vices be available when they are needed? Is this boom inescapable or can it be controlled?

The League of Women Voters of Andover and North Andover have studied the implications of residential and commercial/industrial growth in the towns and will present its conclusions at a forum tonight, Thursday, Feb. 27, at 7:30 p.m.

League members who participated in the study will summarize their findings and a portion of each forum will be dedicated to discussion and questions.

The public is welcome. Call Liz Richter of 6 Basswood Lane for directions.



POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Tuesday, Feb. 18 - At 2:29 a.m., Lee Anne Peters, 36, of Billings, Mont., was arrested on Main Street and charged with operating under the influence (alcohol), speeding and failure to keep right.

At 11:09 p.m., Timothy J. Groggin, 40, of North Andover, was arrested on Park Street and charged with operating under the influence (alcohol).

Wednesday, Feb. 19 - At 3:36 p.m., Kevin F. Waterworth, 27, of Dracut, was arrested on River Road and charged with falsifying motor vehicle documents, operating with defective equipment and on a Dracut warrant.

Thursday, Feb. 20 - At 12:19 p.m., a nurse at Lawrence General Hospital reported a woman was being treated in the emergency room at the hospital for injuries received in a domestic assault that allegedly occurred at Merrimack College. As a result, Patrick Norton, 21, of Tyngsboro, was arrested and charged with assault and battery.

Friday, Feb. 21 - At 12:10 a.m., William T. Sutherland, 17, of 17 Kenilworth St., was arrested on Rutgers

Road and charged with assault and battery on a family member. The arrest was related to an incident that was reported a few hours earlier on Central Street.

At 1:31 a.m., Mark Russo, 36, of Methuen, was arrested on Interstate 93 northbound and charged with operating under the influence (alcohol) and failure to stay in marked lanes.

At 1:43 a.m., Eric R. Arraji, 26, of 31 Essex St., was arrested while walking on Railroad Street and charged on a warrant.

At 3:40 a.m., James M. Clifford, 19, of Methuen, was arrested

on River Road and charged with operating after suspension of his license and speeding.

At 6:32 a.m., Flor Rosado Jr., 36, of Lawrence, was arrested on Central Street and charged with operating after suspension of his license and speeding.

At 12:30 p.m., Michael Hillerman, 30, of Lawrence, was arrested on Lovejoy Road and charged on warrants.

Saturday, Feb. 22 - At 3:05 a.m., Craig J. Pizzano, 21, of Tewksbury, was arrested on Lowell Street near Route 495 and charged with operating under the influence (alcohol), speeding, failure to stop

for a police officer and failure to stay in marked lanes.

At 3:23 a.m., an anonymous caller reported a fight between a man and a woman on Memorial Circle. James E. Holland, 25, of Methuen, was arrested and charged on warrants.

Sunday, Feb. 23 - At 1:08 a.m., Young Sang Won, 26, of 15 Olde Berry Road, was arrested on North Street and charged with operating after suspension of his license, after revocation of his registration plates and uninsured.

At 6:10 a.m., a Penbrook Circle resident

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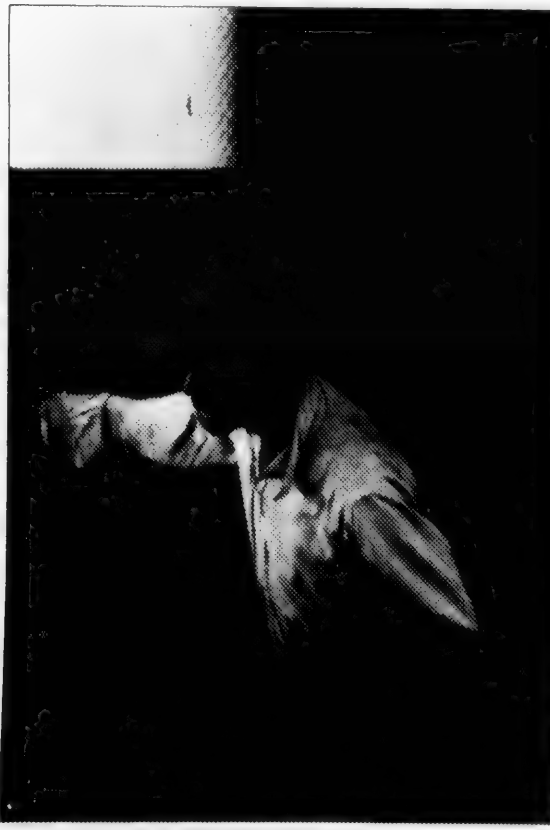
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Andover High School problems are posing problem for new construction effort

By Neil Fater

The Andover High School construction project is not only affecting current High School students, but some Andover residents are concerned it might affect children not even in the system yet.

Because of problems with the Andover High project, school officials could have a tough time selling another construction project to ease overcrowding at the elementary and middle schools. Children not in the system yet would then enter more crowded schools.

"We can talk as much as we want about (space) needs but one of the biggest hurdles is the High School," admits Lloyd Willey, School Committee member. "There are a lot of people who are so aggravated about the High School project they're going to say 'no' to everything."

Officials are counting on Town Meeting voters to separate the High School problems from the space problems at the lower levels.

School officials say it will be up to people running the project, such as the town manager, to prove Andover has learned from its mistakes.

"Obviously, I'm sure that has an impact in the community. The concern is we're recognizing a need and we have to address it," said Dick Neal, superintendent. "I think you have to isolate projects. Certainly, the South and Sanborn projects moved forward with relative ease."

"It's going to be up to the town manager to say here is where we screwed up," said Mr. Willey. "The town manager is really in charge of making all those decisions and changes. All we as a School Committee can do is provide

the education specifications."

"You're going to have a little of that (unwilling taxpayers) but from my perspective you have to keep your eye on the project. The other building project is out there but it doesn't have a direct bearing on the other needs," said Tina Girdwood, committee chairwoman.

"The High School project is such a unique situation with the problems that it's had, but the problems with the middle school and elementary are still real," said Eric Nadworny, School Committee member. "We still have to confront the problem. It's not going to go away. And hopefully the townspeople will not blame the young people and the committee for problems that do exist."

Mr. Nadworny compared the situation between the High School architect and contractor to a couple in a bad marriage. They may want and need to

get out of the relationship but they also need to make sure the children aren't hurt by all the bickering.

If construction proponents are going to provide more space for elementary children, however, Greg Holzwarth, Space Needs Advisory Committee member, said they'll need to pass "the cocktail party test." He said they'll need to be able to explain the issue before anyone's eyes glaze over, or they'll never be able to convince Town Meeting to approve construction money.

"By golly, it's a task. It's almost not going to matter what we do as long as the problems (continue)," said Mr. Willey, at Tuesday's School Committee meeting.

"There's no question we're going to have to come up with plans," said Ms. Girdwood.

Elm Street lot off warrant

By Don Staruk

Selectmen voted not to let residents have a say in whether the town should buy the vacant lot at 35 Elm St., next to the Free Christian Church, for a parking lot.

A warrant article had been put forward by Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski, with the support of Selectman Larry Larsen, asking voters to appropriate \$300,000 to buy the lot with the intent to eventually build a parking lot there.

Selectmen James Barenboim and Bill Downs knocked the idea as being too pricey. Mr. Downs had done some math and figured it would take 57 years for the meters in just that lot

'We're in the parking business in Andover whether we like it or not.'

Larry Larsen

to pay off the cost of the land, paving, the meters and the interest on the bond. Mr. Barenboim also said the lot was too far from the downtown to be used.

Dr. Larsen disagreed and reprimanded his fellow board members

for not planning for the future.

"We're in the parking business in Andover whether we like it or not," Dr. Larsen said.

He pointed out that the bonds for the other two municipal lots, on Park Street and at Olde Andover Village, will be paid off this year and that the \$200,000 the town takes in each year in parking revenues could be put toward the cost of the land and construction of the lot. Mr. Larsen said the downtown is constantly criticized for not having more parking and said the town should jump at every opportunity it gets to add to it.

His fellow board members were not swayed as the board voted 4-1 to pull the article from the warrant.



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

This young adult female Doberman cross was found recently in Wilmington without a collar. She's about 25 pounds and hospital officials say she's very friendly. The Andover Animal Hospital is looking for the dog's owner. If that person isn't found by March 5, the dog will be eligible for adoption. Call the hospital at 475-3600.

Official suggests raising cemetery fees

By Don Staruk

Joe Piantedosi, facilities manager in the town's Municipal Maintenance Department, has proposed hiking fees for services at the town-owned Spring Grove Cemetery. Selectmen have taken the matter under advisement but have not yet scheduled a discussion of the proposed increase.

Jim Bamford, cemetery and parks supervisor, last year surveyed cemetery fees in other area cemeteries and found Spring Grove's to be low. The low fees result in more people than might otherwise, opting for burial there, Mr. Piantedosi said.

The proposed fees would remain below most other local cemeteries, but would be closer to market rate, according to Mr. Piantedosi.

Prices last changed in May 1992.

Proposed fee hikes for Spring Grove Cemetery

	Current	Proposed
Price per grave	\$360	\$600
Adult burial	400	500
Child	175	250
Infant	100	200
Bury cremated remains	150	200
Saturday burial surcharge	225	300
Saturday burial of cremated remains surcharge	70	100
Surcharge - late p.m. burial	120	150
Disinterment	500	700

Prices were last changed in May of 1992.

Graph by Don Staruk

Health board plans cholesterol clinic

The Andover Board of Health will hold a cholesterol screening clinic Wednesday, March 19, from 9 a.m. to noon for Andover residents only.

An appointment is necessary.

The simple fingerstick test for total cholesterol costs \$5 and does not require fasting. The program includes dietary counseling by the public health nurse and referral to your private physician for follow-up care as needed.

For further information or an appointment, call the health department at 623-8295.

Town, schools look to hire for 46 new positions

(Continued from page 1.)

Neal's budget request was \$31.3 million, but Mr. Stapczynski has recommended holding the budget at \$30.7 million. Personnel cost the schools roughly \$23 million last year, and that is sure to go up this year, though how much and according to whose budget remains to be seen.

The School Committee is still discussing the schools budget and has not yet made its recommendation for Town Meeting, and are not expected to do so tonight. The School Committee will host a public forum on the schools budget tonight at 7 in the second floor meeting room at the school administration building.

Six of the seven contracts for the 300-plus town employees were recently settled. Five of the School Department contracts end at the end of this school year. Two school contracts end next year. The custodians' contract is unsettled, since the end of last year. The teachers' contract ends this year and negotiations will start soon.

The proposed additions on the town side include:

- A half-time typist in the town manager's office;
- A half-time Youth Services intern in Community Services;
- Two roughly half-time positions in elder services;
- Two full-time positions and one half-time spot in Municipal Maintenance;
- A full-time clerk in Public Works;
- A half-time computer technician and eight additional hours for a part-time librarian at Memorial Hall Library.

Three new maintenance spots

The greatest increase in positions in any single department on the town side is in the Department of Municipal Maintenance. Joseph Piantedosi, facilities manager and head of the department, wants to add two full-time positions and a half-time spot for a total of \$80,000.

The two new positions would bring

Six of the seven contracts for the 300-plus town employees were recently settled. The school contracts all expire at the end of this school year and negotiations are currently underway.

the number of positions in the department up from 48.9 to 51.4.

The town manager's recommended \$4.2 million DMM budget includes \$1.27 million for capital projects. Of the roughly \$3 million remaining, two-thirds is for employee salaries, including the three new spots.

Mr. Piantedosi proposes funding the new positions without exceeding the limit set by the town manager, a 4.3 percent increase from the current year's estimated budget. He can do that by reducing costs in some areas and not taking the increases allowed him in others, Mr. Piantedosi said last week. His cuts or savings projections total \$108,000. After adding the \$80,000 for the three positions, that leaves him \$28,000 below his limit, plenty to pay for the benefits for the new positions, he said.

The town manager told selectmen recently that Mr. Piantedosi makes a convincing argument.

Inventory control

The most significant new post would be a purchasing and inventory control coordinator for \$30,000.

Currently, when a thermostat goes

bad in a classroom, a ballast goes in a light fixture, or a heating unit stops working, part of the time and cost to repair the items includes a trip to a parts supply shop somewhere out of town. And by the time the employee gets the parts needed to do the job, he may be working overtime to actually make the repair. These are the costs Mr. Piantedosi said he will reduce by having an inventory of parts on hand, and by buying in bulk. Discounts and deliveries can be arranged by ordering directly from the manufacturer or a wholesaler. And the savings will more than fund the position, he says.

"The six maintenance divisions spending projections for supplies, tools and repair parts in FY'98 are \$575,000. We conservatively estimate savings of at least 10 percent - \$57,500," Mr. Piantedosi wrote in a recent memo to selectmen.

Savings could actually be as high as 40 percent, he said.

Mr. Piantedosi has done his homework. One thing he did after being appointed last September is set up a system to track every repair call. There were 180 such parts trips in November, which he said is a typical month. Each trip averages 47 minutes. That adds up to three "man weeks" a month chasing parts. With the inventory on hand, more of that time will be spent on the job, cutting overtime and freeing up time for other work to get done, he said.

"This added productivity will be utilized to support the space additions at the schools and our expanded Preventive Maintenance Program," Mr. Piantedosi wrote in his memo. (The additions at the three schools total about 376,000 square feet of new space, according to DMM records.)

Having the inventory will not prevent some trips from being needed since all situations cannot be anticipated. But it should result in the savings he has projected, he said.

"I see this as really the heart of our maintenance program," Mr. Piantedosi told selectmen two weeks ago. "It puts us more into a planned operation

rather than a fire department."

The inventory would be stored in available space in an existing DMM building on Red Spring Road. The existing DMM computer system will handle the software for tracking the inventory, he said.

Selectmen expressed some concern about the start-up cost of purchasing all the inventory, but Mr. Piantedosi said many manufacturers and distributors will stock the shelves on consignment.

Mr. Piantedosi said it would probably take two years to get the system fully operational.

Second shift craftsman

The second position to be added is a second-shift crafts person for \$35,000. The position was hired last year on a temporary basis with a reserve-fund transfer approved by the Finance Committee. It has worked well for the department, Mr. Piantedosi said, and now he wants it as a regular part of the budget. But the FinCom approval was with the stipulation that it would have to be part of the regular budget next year.

A lot of things happen after 3 or 4 p.m. or in areas not accessible by a maintenance person during the day, especially in the schools, according to Mr. Piantedosi. In addition, the increased size of the school buildings has made the amount of space overwhelming for the existing staff, he said.

The cost savings here would come when this person is available to reset a breaker or perform some other simple task that otherwise would require calling in someone on overtime.

Part-time custodian

The third position is a half-time custodian for Old Town Hall to work from 3-5 p.m. and Saturday mornings. Currently no one is available to cover those times. Selectman Gerald Silverman endorsed the idea of having a custodian at Old Town Hall Saturday mornings, when a number of people are using the post office and rest rooms there.



Joseph Piantedosi

Selectmen question fees charged for use of AHS field house

By Don Staruk

In their discussions two weeks ago with Joseph Piantedosi, facilities manager and head of the Department of Municipal Maintenance, selectmen expressed concern about the fees being charged to town

groups like the Youth Council to pay some fee, and outside groups to pay a higher fee.

James Barenboim said he had a problem with town groups such as the Andover Youth Council being charged the same fee as out-of-town groups, \$64 an hour. The town's residents have already paid for the building, Mr. Barenboim said.

Selectman Gerald Silverman said local groups should only pay what it costs to have a janitor on duty - no more.

Susan Jenkins, School Building Committee member, told board members no fee schedule had yet been approved by the School Committee, but that the proposal for the higher fees came from Jim Hurley, the school's athletic's program coordinator. Ms. Jenkins said one proposal called for school groups to pay nothing, commu-

One phone call to the school department to say "there will be no surcharge for Andover people" ought to suffice, Mr. Barenboim said.

One point was made that the schools use the Old Town Hall free of charge when they need it, and that the same policy should apply to town groups that use the schools.

Mr. Barenboim called it an "absolute disgrace" that the schools would

even consider such a high fee for town groups. When it was suggested that representatives of the two sides get

together to discuss the issue, Mr. Barenboim said he thought that would be "a waste of time."

One phone call to the school department to say "there will be no surcharge for Andover people" ought to suffice, Mr. Barenboim said.

See page 30 for editorial on fees being charged for field house use.

groups for use of the new field house at Andover High School. Chairman

LETTERS

Candidate Frank Eccles listens carefully

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Frank Eccles is an outstanding candidate for School Committee. He has developed skills from years of experience in public and private education to work well with committees and to gain consensus through respectful discussion.

Having worked with Frank for 28 years as colleagues at Phillips Academy and for another five years at School Volunteers for Lawrence Inc., where Frank chaired the board, we have great respect for his ability to analyze issues, to listen carefully, to bring people together to act for important educational benefits.

In meetings of all kinds – faculty, cluster, committee, and board meetings – we admired Frank for his strong convictions balanced by his sense of fair play and rational, moral outlook.

We also admire Frank's many efforts to work for the public good as chair of the Committee on the Composition of the Student Body at PA in the '80s, he helped lead the way to increase the scholarship pool so that today close to 40 percent of the students are on scholarship and PA can serve a broader, more diverse public in a private

school.

Similarly, Frank was a strong supporter of the MS Squared Program, which brings inner-city public school students to the campus for three summers' study of math and science. He later founded and directed the Andover-Dartmouth Institute, another summer program for inner-city public school math teachers to improve their math skills and teaching abilities.

Outside of the PA community, Frank has visited public schools all around the country, gaining knowledge of educational issues as he helped link these schools with PA programs. In Lawrence, he is a Project Charlie volunteer in an elementary school and has devoted valuable help as a board chair and member of School Volunteers for Lawrence, now Partners in Education. In Maine he is a board member of a foundation making grants to public school teachers for innovative projects.

We know that Frank, as a retired educator, would devote extra time to School Committee work. We know that he has a strong commitment to good education, has vigor, has skills as a collaborator, and has a vital sense of public service. We ask you to vote for Frank Eccles.

Patricia and George Edmonds
70 Elm St.

Tim McCarron will analyze the situation

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I urge all persons in Andover to pay close attention to the election for School Committee. A look at what is happening to public high schools throughout the country indicates that we must be particularly cognizant of those to whom we entrust the direction of our schools. At a time when all communities are finding fiscal constraints severely to limit the vitality and quality of high school education, we in Andover must be particularly careful to look at those who seek to assume the mantle of leadership in one of the most critical areas for America's future, the educational system for our children. It is for this reason that I write on behalf of Timothy M. McCarron.

I have worked with Tim in the past on committees that have aimed at securing continued quality in our school system. I have spoken with Tim often about his philosophy concerning education. Tim constantly stresses that there must be new innovative ways to inject quality into our school system, while at the same time he seeks to maintain dedication and support for teachers and for a curriculum that has proven itself to be strong.

Tim deserves a chance to serve well for the town of Andover in this noble

enterprise. He is a teacher and is respectful of teachers and their abilities. He maintains an inquisitive mind and will analyze and question and evaluate constantly whether or not the programs that are in place and are to be forthcoming merit continued support. He, of course, is critically concerned with the physical safety of our students as we all are.

Tim's philosophy and attitude will be mainstays in the fight to keep our public school system not only maintained, but in fact, flourishing at a time when school systems across the country are waning in quality.

In summary, I first urge you to vote for the candidate of your choice. I secondly urge all who are residents of the town of Andover, even if they have no children in the public school system, to vote because continued quality education is a proper concern to all Andoverites. Thirdly, equally importantly, I urge you to vote for Tim McCarron who I believe would serve nobly and well as a School Committee member.

James B. Krasnoo
Andover

Time for heads to roll

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Enough nonsense! If what I read in the Feb. 20 issue of your paper is fact, then the fact is, it is time for heads to roll. Your lead story on page one, "Problems 'worse if anything' at AHS" continues on page 31 with accompanying article detailing building violations at the school. It is beyond comprehension that anyone connected to this building project would allow such flagrant violations to continue jeopardizing the health and welfare of well over 1,200 humans a day.

In the list of most serious violations, the statement in the second one really blows my mind. That is that a conditional certificate of occupancy was issued last September, obviously so the High School could open for the year, but some of those conditions still have not been met now five months later. It is unfathomable that such a conditional certificate of occupancy would even be issued for a public building. This from the same building inspector's office that holds up certificates of occupancy on single family houses due to comparatively minor "problems" which in no way even affect one's safety or health, i.e. graded driveways.

The fact that this building project is so grossly over budget, so far past completion date, and so mismanaged at all levels tells me one thing – it is high time for everyone connected to this project to be severed, from the top town administrator down through his inspection departments to the volunteer committees (who are obviously in this way over their heads) to all the assembled contractors, architects, prime and subcontractors and consultants. It is now time to start anew with an entire fresh cast of players who are

He had passed one of life's important milestones

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ing lot. However, we left this time before the guard could intercept us and made our first foray onto "the street." Odd how those parked cars and telephone poles, which never seemed particularly dangerous to me before, seemed to dart into the roadway when my son was in the driver's seat. I quickly grabbed the wheel to avoid disaster a couple of times for which I received the gentle response "I can handle it" from my son.

"That's OK," I replied, "I just wanted to make sure we didn't have an accident the first time out. Mom would never forgive me."

Or speak to me again, I could have added.

As we drove around town, we seemed to get into a sort of rhythm. First we'd go faster, then slower, then into the on-coming lane, then back toward the sidewalk/telephone pole/parked cars. At about the third time this happened I began to get in touch with my immortal soul and decided that, if my time had indeed come, I wanted to die quickly and not linger. As fate would have it, however, I apparently didn't deserve to die quickly and, instead, lived to suffer quite a few more rides of increasingly familiar fear and dread.

His first time on the highway, a couple of lessons later, was a simple exercise involving driving on Route 93

South for about 10 miles, then another 15 miles or so on Route 128 South. This time, however, he wanted to bring a couple of his girl friends along to show off his driving skills and to see his mother perform in a show in Watertown. He naturally got the hang of never being the slowest car on the highway, but changing lanes involved one more mirror than he was quite ready to handle.

This led him to ask on more than one occasion, "Could you check to see if there are any cars over there on the right?" To which I replied, after the third or fourth time "What are you going to do when I'm not sitting here?" His reply was "I just won't change lanes." I could just picture him driving in the right lane for the rest of his life, honking and gesticulating at the regular denizens of the slowest travel lane. Eventually he did master the right side-view mirror but not without a fair amount of further practice.

His friends weren't talking to him or me very much after this first drive down the highway. They all complained of a certain neck pain that I had begun to get used to (and which therapy is curing quite nicely, I might add). After I stated that I'd be doing the driving home, however, the girls relaxed and felt free to offer their opinions of his driving to him. I suddenly understood why they give group lessons in driver's education. I actually

felt a little sorry for him, in between massaging my neck. Although what they were saying was right, they didn't bother to sugar-coat it at all. He didn't seem too distressed though. He even argued with me about who was going to drive home after the concert. When the girls countered that they'd rather walk, he reluctantly gave in.

After an interminable seven months, my son finally took the driving test. All those moments of squirming and praying paid off. Except for starting out his three-point turn in reverse, it went without a hitch. That night, as he dropped me off for the first, but certainly not last time in his life, my breath caught in my throat and a tear burned my eye as I saw him drive off. He had passed one of life's important milestones and I was happy for him. I was happy for us, his parents, too. Now we wouldn't have to drive all over town late at night in order to chauffeur him to and from his friends' houses, none of which are closer than 10 miles away.

Now if only I could figure out some way to pay the horrendous hike in the car insurance, we'll all be truly happy. Until my daughter starts driving lessons, that is.

In addition to being a dad, Andover resident Donald McCandless works as a software systems analyst.

Townsmen EDITORIALS

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Pay a fee for the field house? Be serious

Please, you can't mean it. You're going to charge me, an Andover taxpayer, to use the new field house at Andover High School?

Be reasonable. I already did my part. We taxpayers gave up \$26.5 in 1994 to add substantially to Andover High School.

And then, in case anyone has forgotten (not!), we paid an additional \$2.43 million in 1996 because the project was running out of money.

All along, we've been told that residents will be able to use the new field house. Now, town groups such as the Andover Youth Council are being charged the same fee as out-of-town groups — \$64 an hour.

That's outrageous.

We agree with Selectmen's Chairman James Barenboim, who called it "an absolute disgrace" that the schools would even consider such a fee for town groups.

Selectman Gerald Silverman suggested that local groups pay only what it costs to have a janitor on duty and no more.

School Building Committee member Susan Jenkins said that no fee schedule has been approved by the School Committee. She said one proposal calls for school groups to pay nothing, community groups such as the Youth Council to pay something, and outside groups to pay a higher fee.

We suggest the School Committee tread lightly on this one. Residents are already confused about the problems with the building project at Andover High School. Residents aren't sure who's to blame for the slowdown and dangerous incidents that have taken away from students' study time.

In short, officials will most likely find that residents' tempers are short related to the Andover High School project. Let residents take a free run on the track in the field house. Maybe that would help cool down taxpayers.

We want to talk, too

Stone Congress, the contractor for the building project at Andover High School, says it wants to talk. Their advertisement on page 5 says so. There was a time when its representatives didn't want to speak for the record. Now they do.

That's great. Maybe they'll shed some light on the beleaguered AHS project.



Photo by Lisa Adelsberger

If you were in Andover last Saturday afternoon, Feb. 22, a quick and ferocious rain and wind storm hit. At the home of Lois and Dan Roberson, 14 Lupine Road, this tree was completely uprooted, falling and covering the length of their driveway. No one was injured.

Fear rides shotgun teaching a kid to drive

By Donald W. McCandless

Beads of sweat formed on the condemned man's brow. Seated in the front passenger seat, his right hand held the car door handle in a death-like grip while his left hand kept a similar, bloodless grasp on the chair-like armrest. His body writhed in agony and his feet performed furious pumping motions on the floor while, in his mind's eye, horrible images of various deaths by mutilation whizzed by in rapid succession while the death van careened from side to side through the small town's streets, oblivious to traffic laws and pedestrian safety.

Is this a scene from a new murder mystery entitled "Dead Man Driving?"

No, this describes me as I sat alongside my son while he learned how to drive last year and wore a few dozen years off my life in the process.

I started him off slowly at first, having him feel his way around an empty parking lot located across the street from our house. We started out just driving straight ahead, turning only when we had run out of real

estate in the chosen direction. As we widened the scope, he moved on to full stops and starts. His touch with the pedals was a little rough but it only caused a mild form of whiplash, which I assured myself would be cured with a couple of stiff Bloody Marys even if it was only 11 o'clock Sunday morning.

GUEST COLUMN

We then proceeded to try some right and left turns as we worked our way towards a possible rendezvous with an actual street. It was a good thing that the lesson had been timed so that as he made these first, tentative left and right turns, there were no cars there but only empty yellow lines in the lot. Otherwise, he would have destroyed at least a dozen commuters' dreams of a quick escape home.

All went well until we tried one last left turn before heading out onto the street. The stop was fine, the start was fine, and the turn started out fine. Unfortunately, it turned out to

be the turn that almost never ended. It culminated with us going over the curb, onto the sidewalk and headed for the one-two split of the stop sign and a little but sturdy ornamental tree next to it.

"Oops," he said. "I forgot to turn the wheel back."

"That's OK," I said. "Just one more bottle of antacid and I may be able to eat some Jell-O tonight."

A little while later the parking lot security guard demanded that we leave out of an overzealous worry over trespass rights or a fear of frivolous lawsuits.

As we were leaving my son asked, "Now can I drive down the street?"

"No," I replied firmly, "that's just about all I can take for one day."

When we got home he tried to enlist his mother into going along with him, but she once again demonstrated why women live longer than men. She refused even to begin to get involved in anything so foolishly stressful as giving driving lessons to someone she knows too well.

A week later we went out again, once again starting out in the park-

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Professional Profile



Dr. Robert Aborjaily and Dr. John Schrader at their Willows Professional Park office.

The Willows Dental Group

John Schrader, D.M.D. of The Willows Dental Group talks about the 21st century when he discusses Preventative Family Dentistry. Located at 795 Turnpike St., which is Route 114, at The Willows Professional Park, only the flowers on the waiting room curtains are reminiscent of days gone by. In this modern dental practice there's no such thing as "the good old days."

Dr. Schrader, in partnership with Dr. Robert Aborjaily, perform the newest techniques in cosmetic and restorative dentistry. These include white back fillings, gleaming porcelain veneers and bonding, as well as crowns, bridges and elementary root canal work.

Treatment of "TM" temporal mandibular joint problems, Halitosis, bad breath often mistakenly thought to be caused by bad oral hygiene, and snoring, a phenomenon that can be halted with a simple dental appliance that also

prevents grinding, are adult oral problems addressed by The Willows Dental Group. Children are treated with cavity preventing fluoride sealants, and, like adults, educated in good oral health by the availability of a complete dental video library.

Most technically amazing, at the The Willows Dental Group, is the intra-oral video camera. With this tiny device it is possible for a patient to watch on a video screen exactly what Dr. Schrader and Dr. Aborjaily are doing, as they work. It is also possible to see a simulated image on the screen of cosmetic dental work on one's own teeth, before the procedure is done. This assists a patient in making an educated decision about having a procedure.

Of course good oral hygiene is the key to a healthy mouth. At The Willows Dental Group, there are five hygienists, one of whom, Grace

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LETTERS

Time for heads to roll

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professional, knowledgeable, ethical and diligent in completing this project in a safe and sane manner. Fellow Andoverites, think about the abysmal situation we are in at the High School as you approach the town elections in March and the Town Meeting in April. Enough of this nonsense.

Roberta Shupe
Andover

Anger related to Sterling Oakes

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Don Staruk very capably summarized the Feb. 11 Planning Board hearing at which Richard Rubino submitted his amended plan for an 11-lot subdivision to be called Sterling Oakes, noting that neighborhood residents have expressed many reservations about this project. ["Planners to reconsider Sterling Oakes," page 2, Feb. 20.]

Readers may wonder at the tone of anger and frustration apparent in some of my neighbors' recently-pub-

lished letters regarding the proposed subdivision. It goes back a number of years, and involves several issues, which are essentially as follows: the alteration of wetlands on property owned by Alfred and Althea Morrison; the response to this alteration by town and state officials; the application of Richard Rubino to develop the Morrison property; the process by which town officials considered Mr. Rubino's proposal; the implications of this subdivision for the Linda and Rocky Hill Road neighborhood; the implications for future development on environmentally "protected" land in Andover.

Having attended perhaps a dozen hearings relating to the development of this property, I have concluded that town officials have been far too hesitant about enforcing wetlands regulations. Seven years ago, when earth-moving equipment was seen on the Morrison property, and heard operating in woods which included wetlands, neighbors asked town officials if the town had issued a permit. A town official asked permission to go on the property, and was refused. There was no follow-up.

Five years later, at a Conservation

Commission hearing related to the Sterling Oakes project, neighbors brought up the issue of the earlier wetlands disturbance, which had now been noted by the developer and his hired botanist. We were told that a court order would have been required for the town to inspect the property in 1990. The official felt he had not had sufficient evidence to constitute probable cause. Any further action was ruled out, we were told, because a "statute of limitations" had expired.

Another town officer admitted that, in cases like this, the Conservation Commission rarely resorted to legal action, but tried to exercise "moral suasion" to discourage property owners from violating the Wetlands Protection Act.

Not satisfied with this response, an abuttor filed a complaint with the state Environmental Protection Agency. An EPA official inspected the site and declared it an "open violation" of the Act, meaning that as far as she was concerned, there was no statute of limitations. The state EPA reviewed the case as it related to the proposed Sterling Oakes subdivision, and assumed jurisdiction by issuing a Superseding

Order. The state EPA must approve any plan to develop this property, and that plan must incorporate measures which will substantially restore damaged wetlands.

For the record, the alteration to the property consists of a drainage trench several hundred feet in length, cut from two to six feet below grade, and sloping towards Route 125, from where it is clearly visible.

I have exceeded your limit for letter length, and have barely sketched in two of the six issues I hoped to cover. If readers are interested, perhaps they will let me know.

Peter Wood
44 Rocky Hill Road

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POLICE LOG

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ACCIDENTS

Thursday, Feb. 20 - At 9:09 p.m., an officer reported being out with a man whose car had four flat tires near 60 Canterbury St. The flats were the result of the man's having gone over a traffic island in front of the pro shop at Andover Country Club.

Other accidents were reported at the following times and locations:

Tuesday, Feb. 18 - 11:16 a.m., near 209 N. Main St., hit-and-run in lot;

11:29 a.m., minor accident in Doctor's Park on Haverhill Street;

Wednesday, Feb. 19 - 10:11 a.m., near 10 Railroad St.;

Thursday, Feb. 20 - 2:07 p.m., Shawsheen Plaza, a car backed into a Pepsi truck;

Friday, Feb. 21 - 1:38 p.m., on William Street at North Main Street, minor damage.

BREAKS

Monday, Feb. 24 - At 11:22 a.m., a car break was reported in the driveway of a home on Prospect Street.

At 7:20 p.m., a Brookside Drive resident reported returning home and finding someone had broken into his apartment.

THEFTS

Tuesday, Feb. 18 - At 9:11 p.m., a woman reported a leather coat taken from Grill 93 on River Road Feb. 14.

Friday, Feb. 21 - At 11:52 a.m., a credit card was reported taken from Andover Gulf, 63 Main St.

Saturday, Feb. 22 - At 9:38 a.m., a man reported his son's bike taken from a hallway on Elm Street.

Monday, Feb. 24 - At 9:06 p.m., a wallet was reported taken from clothing at the gym at Andover High School.

VANDALISM

Tuesday, Feb. 18 - At 8:31 a.m., mailbox damage on Granada Way was reported.

At 10:30 a.m., a house was reported egged overnight on Olde Berry Road.

At 10:36 a.m., damaged to a gate was reported on Brookside Drive.

At 10:41 a.m., a Juniper Road resident

- At 6:31 p.m., a Crescent Drive resident reported that a window in his apartment was broken, apparently from being struck by a BB.

Thursday, Feb. 20 - At 3:06 p.m., a Boutwell Road house was report-

ed egged.

Friday, Feb. 21 - At 10:11 p.m., a Gould Road resident reported his mailbox was just smashed.

Saturday, Feb. 22 - At 10:55 a.m., mailbox damage was reported on High Street.

CAR THEFTS

Friday, Feb. 21 - At 2:28 p.m., Lawrence police reported recover-

ing a car previously reported taken from Andover.

At 11:13 p.m., a car previously reported taken from Lawrence was recovered at Riverview Commons on Bulfinch Drive.

At 11:13 p.m., a 1987

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Monday, Feb. 24 - At 4:13 p.m., a car previously reported taken from Lawrence was recovered on Bulfinch Drive.

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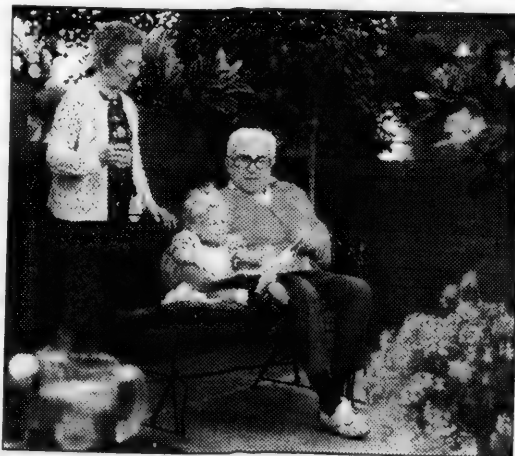
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reported his car had been stolen. While Officer Colin Radford was still taking the report, a state trooper reported finding the car in Lawrence with the keys still in it and with front-end damage. The officer noticed a fire hydrant at 2 Penbrook Circle had been knocked over and, after some investigation, determined the damage had likely been done by the car reported stolen. After further investigation and questioning, Randy Ellis, 19, of 8 Penbrook Circle allegedly retracted his assertion that the car was stolen and admitted he had crashed into the hydrant with his car. He was to be issued a summons on a charge of filing a false report and leaving the scene of a property damage accident.

At 2:59 p.m., Carlos Illobre, 23, of Chelsea, was arrested on North Main Street and charged with operating with defective equipment, unlicensed, unregistered, uninsured and with illegal plates, and possession of a class-D substance (marijuana).

Monday, Feb. 24 - At 1:26 p.m., Raul A. Lima, 41, of Lawrence, was arrested on River Road and charged with operating after suspension of his license and speeding.

INCIDENTS

Tuesday, Feb. 18 - At 8:18 p.m., a domestic incident was reported on Granada Way after a 14-year-

old boy allegedly hit his father. An officer reported that the son did not want to do his homework and "it got out of hand."

Wednesday, Feb. 19 - At 6:06 p.m., a restraining order was served to a woman on Abbot Street.

At 8:32 a.m., a fire was reported at the former Packard Research building at 19 Lupine Road. The building is undergoing renovation. The fire appeared to have been set and the fire department is investigating, according to fire officials.

Thursday, Feb. 20 - At 1:15 a.m., a motorist calling on a cellular phone reported being stopped on School Street by a man who said he'd been assaulted. The 19-year-old Andover man was taken to Lawrence General Hospital for treatment. He was later brought back to the police station to be photographed. Police said he had allegedly been beaten up by an 18-year-old Andover man, and that man would receive a summons for assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. Lt. Stephen Avery said the victim had been cut with some type of sharp object, but was unsure exactly what type of weapon was used.

Friday, Feb. 21 - At 6:37 a.m., damage to construction equipment was reported on Andover Country Club Lane.

At 10:08 a.m., an employee at a store in Shaw-

sheen Plaza reported a woman in a wheelchair had been begging for money, but when she left she "was walking fine" and drove off in a car.

Saturday, Feb. 22 - At 11:28 a.m., an officer reported he was chasing several youths through the woods between High Street and Burton Farm Road. At about the same time, a motorist reported his car was

struck by a paint ball in that area. The officer caught up to the kids and confiscated a paint gun, which was going to be held until the officer had a chance to talk to the parents of the youths involved.

Sunday, Feb. 23 - At 8:29 a.m., a person on Chadwick Circle reported being assaulted by someone known

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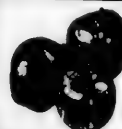


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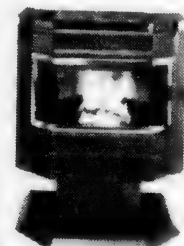
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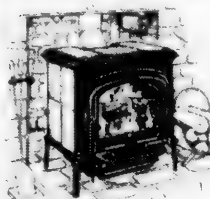


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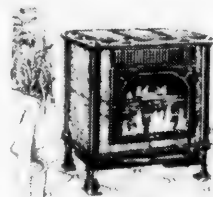
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Men's basketball, other sports highlight the AHS winter season

SPORTS ROUNDUP

By Rick Harrison

Besides the top-seeded Andover High women's basketball team win over Woburn, 58-33, in the MIAA Division 1 North Sectional Tournament opening-round game Tuesday night at the Dunn Gym (see page 1), the AHS men's basketball team, 16-4 and seeded No. 6 in a 16-team field, hosted No. 11 seed and long-time tournament nemesis Cambridge Rindge & Latin (12-7) last night at the Dunn Gym after *Townsmen* presstime.

In other recent local action, the Andover women's gymnastics team placed fourth in the North Sectional Championship Meet and was vying for the All-State title last night in Northboro.

The AHS men's and women's indoor track teams placed sixth and 11th respectively in the State Class B Meet, advancing five individuals and one relay team to the All-State Meet this weekend.

The Andover/Central Catholic men's swim team wrapped up its 1997 season by placing sixth in the North Sectionals and eighth in the All-State Meet at Springfield College. Kevin Riley led the way by winning an individual Sectional title and earning a second and fourth place at the All-States.

Andover skiers Tim Witman, Christina Meuse and Monica Everett traveled to Berkshire East in Charlmont yesterday to compete in the State Championship



Photo by Monique Vallee

Charlotte Muller almost single-handedly outscored the Woburn team combined as the top-seeded Andover High women's basketball team routed Woburn, 58-33.

slalom and giant slalom races.

And the hockey team's season ended with a 5-1 loss to Canton at the Newburyport Bank Classic, the defeat denying the locals a berth in the MIAA Tournament which began today.

WOMEN'S GYMNASTICS

Strong individual performance by Julie Mullane, Rachel Isenberg and Amy Shui carried the Andover High women's gymnastics team to a fourth place finish in the

annual North Sectional Championship Meet last weekend at Danvers High.

The three-time reigning Merrimack Valley Conference dual-meet champions, seeded No. 3 in the 12-team field with a 135.2875 scoring average, posted a 130.25 score to finish behind top-seeded North Sectional champ Danvers (136.20), MVC runner-up and No. 2 seed Methuen and No. 4 Algonquin Regional of Northboro.

The top four teams advanced to last night's All-State Team Champi-

onships at Algonquin, joining the top four finishers from the South Sectionals.

Last year Andover was second at the North

Sectionals, third All-State and fifth at the New England Championship Meet.

Schedule

Algonquin will also

host the season-ending All-State Individual Meet on Saturday, March 8.

Among those qualifying to represent the Lady Warriors at the Individuals are Julie Mullane, Rachel Isenberg and Amy Shui.

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Junior Rachel Isenberg placed first in three events, and senior Captain Mara Shiff won the all-around, as the undefeated Lady Warriors (9-0) topped 130 points for the eighth time in nine meets at the regular season finale.

Everyone competed for Andover and there were 12 season-best scores chalked up by the local gymnasts.

Shiff, whose all-around total of 32.30 was a personal best, placed first in floor exercise (8.4), second on balance beam (personal-best 8.8) and third in vault (personal-best 8.6). She also scored 6.5 on the uneven bars.

Isenberg competed in three events, winning all three and posting personal-best scores of 8.9 on bars, 9.0 on beam and 8.8 in vault.

Senior Captain Nicole Carpentier contributed a

second on bars (personal-best 8.4), and tied for third in her first-ever floor exercise routine (8.1).

Juniors Amy Shui and Julie Mullane performed in one event each. Mullane was second in the vault (8.7) and Shui third on bars (8.3).

Sophomore Kerri Krivelow and freshman Kristin Kearins tied for third on beam with identical personal-best 8.6 scores, while Kearins also had a 5.8 on bars.

Junior Caitlin Neri scored a season-high 8.0 on beam and had a 6.0 on bars, while sophomore Kate Gerry made it six 8.0 or better scores on beam with an 8.3.

Other personal-bests were by freshman Cristin Sawyer in the vault (7.9) and junior Sarah Gariqk in floor (7.4).

Junior Kalley Thomas added a 6.8 and freshman Auralie VanDamme a 6.7 in vault, while other competitors in floor were senior Captain Amy Regan (6.8), junior Megan Fitzgerald (6.8) and freshman Tara Fitzpatrick (6.1).

MVC Championship Meet

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EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, FEB. 27

The Cotton Process, join National Park Ranger Tess Shatzer to see what steps are required to transform cotton fiber into useable cloth, learn the basics of cotton production in this hands-on demonstration of the cotton process, Boott Mills Museum front desk, indoor program, Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center, 246 Market St., Lowell, 2:30 p.m.; (508) 970-5000 or 970-5002.

Villains, musical show presented by the Pike School's eighth-grade class, authors of the script include several eighth-grade students as well as faculty members Larry Robertson and Shelley Bolman, 7 p.m., \$5 donation; 475-1197.

Immigrant City Archives, the Genealogical Group of the Immigrant City Archives will hold a meeting, with speaker Margie Troy, the Reference Librarian at the Lawrence Public Library, Lawrence Heritage State Park, 1 Jackson St., Lawrence, 7 p.m., \$2 for ICA members, \$3 non-members; 688-8220.

School Department budget workshop, parents are encouraged to attend by PAC president Lori Jordan, School Committee Meeting Room, second floor, School Administrative Building, 7 p.m.

The Boyfriend, a 1920's musical spoof on romance and love, Brooks School, school auditorium, 7:30 p.m., free, tickets are limited; Michael L. Walczak 686-6101.

Village Garden Club, "A Visit to Callaway Gardens," by video will be presented by featured speaker Vicki Coderre, hostesses are Michael Beckerman, Sue Dietzel, Claire Enos, and Patti-Lou Murray, flower arrangement provided by Kathy Baun, Andover Historical Society, 1 p.m.; Nancy James 475-2895.

FRIDAY, FEB. 28

The Boyfriend (see entry under Thursday, Feb. 27).

Opening reception, the largest and most comprehensive survey ever devoted to the work of Roy DeCarava, one of the central figures in postwar American photography, Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy, 5-8 p.m.; 749-4015.

Comedy Palace, featuring Sam Greenfield, Dennis Ross, and Charlie Kwax, Grill 93, River Road, 8 and 10:30 p.m., cover charge \$10; 1-800-TO-LAUGH.

Musical concert, presenting the Academy Symphony Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra, Amadeus Ensemble, and Corelli Society, featuring the Boccherini Cello Concerto, Abigail Speiler, of Andover, soloist, Bach Viola Concerto, Julia Bell, viola, Josef Rheinberger Organ Concerto, Seth Moulton, organ; Cochran Chapel, 7:30 p.m.; 749-4263.

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

The Boyfriend (see entry under

Thursday, Feb. 27).

Craft workshops, with Christine Bobek, graphic artist, Andover Historical Society, 10 a.m.-noon, adults and students \$25 or \$60 for three workshops, materials included; 475-2236.

The Northeast Winds, Irish minstrels, making a special appearance at Merrimack College, featuring John MacNally, 8 p.m., Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher, Merrimack College; Casey Coburn 837-5190.

Sports and leisure auction, Andover Marriott, skis and bindings, sports events tickets, weekend trips, and others, silent auction 6:30-8 p.m., live auction 8-10 p.m., tickets \$15 available at the Lawrence YMCA, 40 Lawrence Street; 686-6191.

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

Intermediate cross-country ski, the upper slopes of Holt Hill will provide the varied terrain for local intermediate level cross country skiing, Ward Reservation parking lot, Andover, 1:30 p.m., Marta and Dick Hornridge 475-3593.

Horn Pond hike, easy three-mile hike around picturesque pond in Woburn, 1:30 p.m.; Dave Milot 682-8924.

"Lowell Women's Week," the theme of this year's celebration is "Women In the Commonwealth: Diversity Is Our Strength," celebrating women of the 19th century to the women of today who guide the city and commonwealth forward to the young women who represent a future bright with promise and vision, including tours, resource fairs, panel discussions, readings, performances, and exhibits, sponsored by a host of Lowell organizations, dedicated to Yvonne Dunkley, a Middlesex Community College counselor and Women's Week committee member who died in January, Lowell National Historical Park, 67 Kirk St., Lowell; 970-5000 or 970-5002.

Schubert's song cycle Winterreise, Opus 89, presented by the North Reading Cultural Center, Activities Room, of the North Reading Public Library, free; Mary Street, 664-2695.

Merrimack Valley Philharmonic, mid-winter concert, St. Michael Church, 196 Main St., North Andover, featuring cellist Marilyn Harris, 2:30 p.m., adults \$10, seniors and students \$7, children \$2; 685-3505.

Artist's talk, featuring Roy and Sherry Turner DeCarava, Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy, 2 p.m.; 749-4015.

MONDAY, MARCH 3

Speaker presentation, Irene Callahan of Social Services will speak about opportunities for foster parenting, St. Paul's Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 390 Main St., North Andover, 7:30 p.m.; 682-8952.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

Multiple Intelligences: Identifying and Nurturing Your Child's Unique Potential, this interactive and experiential workshop will augment your parenting and teaching skills and help your children identify and exercise their strengths, compensate for their weaknesses, and become more engaged as learners; the facilitator, Cynthia Arsenault, M.Ed., educational psychologist and consultant with Cornerstone Counseling, specializes in assessing children's learning styles, Bancroft School cafeteria, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Merrimack Arts, featuring the Abbott Chamber Players, 3 p.m., McQuade Library Auditorium, Merrimack College; 837-5000.

Piano workshop, instructor Frank Dunne will teach his nationally renowned "learn-to-play piano in three hours," Andover Community Services, 6:30-9:30 p.m.; 623-8200.

Poetry reading, poets Gail Mazur and Lloyd Schwartz will read, Andover Bookstore, 7 p.m., free; (800) 491-0143.

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

Collecting Clocks: Telling Time, presentation by Bob Frishman, Bell-Time Clocks, repair, restoration and sales, Andover Historical Society, 7:30 p.m., members \$10, \$12; 475-2236.

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

Elijah, Op. 70, an oratorio by Felix Mendelssohn, performed by the Phillips Academy Cantata Choir and Chamber Orchestra, soloists include Laura Bewig, Courtney Cherewich, Allen Combs, and Vincent Dion Stringer, Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy, 7:30 p.m., free; 749-4265.

Comedy Palace, featuring Joe Mattarese and Carl Yard, Grill 93, River Road, 8 and 10:30 p.m. shows, cover charge \$10; 1-800-TO-LAUGH.

Godspell, presented by Ruth's House, a jubilant family-style musical based on the Gospel of St. Matthew, directed by Mar Ciaraldi and his acting company, The Borderline Players, 7 p.m., 14 Stevens St., Haverhill; 521-5575.

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

Craft workshops (see entry under Saturday, March 1).

SOPEX '97, presenting the Samuel Osgood Stamp Club Philatelic Exhibition, Elks Lodge, River Road, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., free admission; 468-1773.

Children's musician, performance by Rebecca Golden, her music is for children 1-9 years old, all children and families are invited, Memorial Hall Library, 2 p.m., free.

Cat show, by Touch of Classcat Fanciers, a member of the Cat Fanciers Association, over 300 entries representing 35 breeds of pedigreed cats will be judged, Ramada Rolling Green,

Andover, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., \$5 adults, \$3 children; Joyce Polcaro 851-4467.

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

Eastern Fells hike, moderate hike over hilly terrain with some views of the Boston skyline, 1:30 p.m., Stone Zoo parking lot, Pond Street, Stoneham; Joe Pirrello 521-0382.

Musical concert, two Russian born musicians will be performing, Lilia Muchnik, Russian National Award Winner and Tanya Kodinsky, Andover Memorial Hall Library, 3 p.m.

SOPEX '97 (see entry under Saturday, March 8).

Cat show (see entry under Saturday, March 8) 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

ONGOING**Museums and Historic Homes**

Andover Historical Society has the following temporary exhibits: *Main Street 1996*, a 12-foot mural by Dorothy Piercy, through March 22; *Dolls From the Collection*, through February; *Pat Keck Installation*, through March 22; and *It Had to be Ford's*, a 15-minute video by Mark Schorr and Jim Sheldon, through March; Permanent exhibit: Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum, containing period rooms from 1820s to 1840s, with 19th-century farm and woodworking tools; library and office hours Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. by appointment; \$4 adults, \$2 children, members free; Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St., 475-2236.

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This season, old Dunn Gymnasium saw something it had never seen before. It saw an Andover women's basketball team go undefeated during the regular season.

Fortunately for Golden Warriors fans, old Dunn Gym may see most of this season's stars back again next winter.

Starting center **Susie Tully** is the lone senior on the squad. Apparently, these hoopsters really means it when they give the team chant of "One, two, three... Together!"

But Ms. Tully, a 6'1" stand-out, will play her last game when Andover's playoff ride finally pulls into the station. After she graduates, she'll head for Stonehill College, carrying

luggage stuffed with a four-year scholarship.

Ms. Tully lit up the scoreboard for 212 points during the regular season while leading the team with 202 rebounds and 57 blocked shots. She had more than one-third of Andover's rejections.

Coach Jim Tildsley remembers his center going 11 for 14 during its nail-biter against rival Methuen.

Ms. Tully was joined in the starting lineup this year by the junior guard tandem of Muller and Muller.

Charlotte Muller led the team with 353 points in 20 games, while **Sarah Muller** dished out a team-high 150 assists and had 82 rebounds. The twins were the only

Andover High players to take and make three-pointers, with Charlotte netting 48 and Sarah draining 37 (see facing page).

Forwards **Laura Orlando** and **Janice Coppolino** completed the starting five for Andover's first perfect women's team.

Ms. Orlando, a junior, said she first knew the team would be something extraordinary "when we played the number one team in Rhode Island."

"We worked the ball, we had open shots," she said. "No one person stood out, it was a total team effort. A game like that shows all that practice pays off."

Coach Tildsley lauded his junior forward for her hard work during the off-season and

for a stretch during the year where she scored 12 points in four straight games.

Ms. Orlando finished the campaign with 141 points and 38 assists.

Her front-court counterpart, Janice Coppolino, scored 93 points while stealing 20 balls and rejecting 21 shots. Only a sophomore, she hit a team-high 50 percent of her field-goal attempts.

Her coach knows she can be a presense under the boards. Coach Tildsley said the forward once scored in double figures purely by depositing other shooters' stray shots. Of Ms. Coppolino's 172 rebounds, 73 came off the offensive boards.

When it was time for the starters to take a breather this

regular season, freshman forward **Lindsey Pearson** was the first player called to the floor.

As Andover's sixth woman, she drained 80 points, and grabbed 106 rebounds. She also went 67 percent from the free-throw line, good for second-best on the team.

Another of Andover's super subs was junior **Kristen Foley**, who spelled Tully at center.

Ms. Foley scored 60 points and was a force in the middle.

She cleaned the glass for 121 rebounds and blocked 34 shots, including 11 during the last two regular-season games.

Coach Tildsley and **Susan Cosgrove**, assistant coach, guided the team to their historic 20-0 record.

Courtney Barron
Junior/Guard



assists, 12 points and 7 steals.

Number 42, Ms. Barron grabbed 34 rebounds from her guard/small forward position, averaging 2.1 boards per game. She also tallied 15

Jenna Hartwell
Junior/Guard



thrashing of Central Catholic.

Sporting number 35, Ms. Hartwell scored 18 points, an average of 2 points per game. Half of her 12 assists came in the Golden Warriors 82-48

Julie Litzenberger
Junior/Forward



came off the offensive glass.

Wearing number 21, Ms. Litzenberger scored a season high 8 points in Andover's 60-27 blowout of Brookline. Eight of her 17 boards

Viki Pierce
Junior/Forward



dished out 13 passes this season.

Number 31, Ms. Pierce leads the team with her 83 percent free-throw shooting. She ripped down 30 rebounds, put up 19 points and

Lauren Sweeney
Junior/Forward



11 rebounds in limited action.

Number 43, Ms. Sweeney tore her ACL in January, 1996. She has spent most of the season recuperating, but tallied 4 points and

TWIN SHOOTERS

Armed with a pair of trey-slingers, Andover's gunning for playoff killings

By Neil Fater

Their coach calls them "hard workers," "good role models," "and just good kids." Their opponents may have other words for them.

They're the Muller twins, Charlotte (at left) and Sarah (right), and they represent one of Andover basketball's most potent weapons - its outside game.

When Charlotte or Sarah get open behind the three-point arc, watch out, Noah! It's going to start raining threes.

"One thing about our team is when they have shots they put it up," said Jim Tildsley, Andover's second-year coach. "I don't have to tell them when to shoot."

But the Mullers haven't just put it up, they've put it in. During Andover's anything-but-regular season, both Mullers hit a whopping 39 percent of their three-pointers while helping the team to its first 20-0 undefeated record. As a whole, the team hit 41 percent of its two-point shots.

Despite the Mullers' success, both shot-taking sisters said they never enter a game thinking about launching threes. But they know when they make these shots it opens up Andover's impressive inside game even more.

"It just comes when you get into the game. It kind

of helps that our big people (are playing so well) this year because we can work it in and out," said Charlotte, who led the team with 353 points and 75 steals. "I don't go into a game saying, 'Oooh, I'll shoot three-pointers.' If it's there, then I'll take it."

"It's definitely opened it up for not only the guards but the big people, too," said Sarah, who scored 194 regular-season points, and led the team with 150 assists.

"If you have a team that can shoot the three pointer," she said, "then it makes teams play honest defense."

The Mullers outside shooting has complemented the inside work of center standout Susan Tully. Ms. Tully was the only player to average a 'double-double' during the regular season, garnering 11.2 ppg and 10.6 rpg.

The center, who was offered a four-year scholarship to Stonehill College, is the only senior on the team of 12.

"(But) I don't really feel that I'm the only one of anything," said Ms. Tully, who compliments the Mullers on how well they live up to their leadership roles. "We're a really experienced team. Five of us have been on varsity for at least three years."

This has helped to contribute to the closeness of the team, an issue several teammates have noticed. Just ask first-year player Lindsey Pearson.

"The whole team is just so supportive. When I make mistakes, they're all there, especially Susie. She's always slapping people five," said Ms. Pearson, usually the first player off the bench. "I love this team. It's such an honor to play with them."

Coach Tildsley has to be happy he'll have 11 of the same players back next year, including the Mullers, who he labels as two of his three "superstars."

"Every chance we have to shoot the ball, we want

them to put it up. But this is a very unselfish team. That's the one thing about them. (With) Some superstars it's, 'Me, me, me.' My three superstars are not that way at all," said Coach Tildsley, who's coached school ball for 23 years. "There isn't one kid after the game who will try to grab the scorebook. On other teams, other towns, there have been players like that."

(There's certainly been plenty of scorebook items to ogle. As a junior, Charlotte Muller became the first Andover female to score 1,000 career points.)

Mr. Tildsley said his Andover players also act as role models to the sizeable number of younger players he sees attending the games.

"The kids I have here, the younger kids really look up to them. There are girls 8 to 14 years old who come to the game," he said. "The team gets Valentine cards from the kids."

They just shouldn't expect heart-warming cards from their playoff opponents, who may be sick of seeing three-pointers by the end of this tournament.

"I guess it's more exciting to hit the three," confesses Sarah.

"The crowds like to see it, too."



Lady Warriors breeze past Woburn, 58-33, in first round

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first-ever AHS state title in women's hoop, as the Lady Warriors advance to a Division 1 North quarterfinal game this Saturday night at the Dunn Gym against either No. 8 seed Lowell or No. 9 Boston Latin Academy.

Those two teams played their first-rounders last night, after *Townsmen* presstime, and the "lucky"

survivor gets Andover (21-0) as its reward.

The locals crushed Merrimack Valley Conference rival and Small School champ Lowell, 67-31, in their one regular season game.

Five more wins are needed for Andover to capture the state title. But who's counting?

[The AHS men's basketball team, 16-4 and seeded

No. 6 in a 16-team field, hosted No. 11 seed and longtime tournament nemesis Cambridge Rindge & Latin (12-7) last night at the Dunn Gym after *Townsmen* presstime.]

The Lady Warriors only true opponent in this one was their icy shooting from the floor, but even that chilly display didn't stop AHS from rolling out to a 23-8 halftime lead against 16th and last seed Woburn (10-11) of the Middlesex League.

"We definitely didn't shoot well and our overall game was a little off," said head coach Jim Tildsley.

Charlotte Muller was not affected, however, as her 27-point explosion included six 3-pointers to boost her season totals to 53 treys and 379 total points.

Tildsley also lauded the overall performance of sophomore forward Janice Coppolino, who finished with seven points, 10 rebounds and four blocked shots.

Sarah Muller and freshman sharpshooter Lindsey Pearson netted eight points each, junior center Kristen Foley four, Captain Sue Tully two and Jeanna Hartwell two.

ANDOVER SCORING WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (21 games)

	FG	FT	Pts
Charlotte Muller	137	52	379
Sue Tully	91	32	214
Sarah Muller	69	24	199
Laura Orlando	58	25	141
Janice Coppolino	46	8	100
Lindsey Pearson	40	6	86
Kristen Foley	29	6	64
Viki Pierce	7	5	19
Jenna Hartwell	8	2	18
Courtney Barron	7	0	14
Julie Litzenberger	6	0	12
Lauren Sweeney	2	0	4

3-pointers: C. Muller 53, S. Muller 37.

Credits

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squad (1:50.77).

Matt Stitham capped his high school diving season with a fifth place after chalking up 346.25 points.

While Andover/Central placed eighth in the team standings, the top five schools were B. C. High with 218 points, Acton-Boxboro (207.5), New Bedford (114), Peabody (96) and St. John's Prep of Danvers (92).

North Sectional Championships

Andover/Central finished a respectable sixth in the 28-school field.

The locals scored 70 points to place behind perennial champ Acton-Boxboro (196 points), Weston (140), St. John's Prep (127), Chelmsford (112) and Peabody (102).

Riley's performance in the 200 IM was the most dominating of the meet, with his 1:58.98 clocking almost five seconds better than runner-up Chris Arsenault of Peabody who touched in 2:03.26.

Riley also finished sixth in the 100 breaststroke.

Matt Stitham, undefeated during the dual meet season, finished third in the one-meter diving with 435.65 points.

Sean Krueger again swam the unusual double, contributing a seventh place in the arduous 500-yard freestyle (5:11.40) and a 10th place in the 50 free sprint (23.98).

The A/C 200 free relay team was third in 1:36.26 and the 200 medley relay quartet was ninth in 1:52.20.

MVC Championship Meet

Riley also placed first in the 50-yard freestyle sprint with a 22.46 clocking.

Sean Krueger was third in the 500 free (5:40.69) and fourth in the 100 free (52.77), finishing less than one second behind winner Jeff Wilson of Chelmsford (51.84) in the latter event.

Jim Russo placed fifth in the 200 individual medley (2:18.01), and Tim Stitham was fifth in the diving with 134.30 points.

Matt Stitham won the diving by a whopping 47 1/2 point margin over runner-up John Behrle of Chelmsford (174.15).

Andover/Central was second in the 200 free relay (1:37.84) and third in the 200 medley relay (1:51.53), with those teams including Riley, Krueger and Rich Sheldon.

Riley was one of only

two double winners in the meet, joining Jason Boire of Nashua who touched first in both the 200 free (1:50.99) and 100 backstroke (56.21).

The title was the first for Nashua, which completed a sweep of MVC championships this winter after completing the dual meet season undefeated at 8-0.

INDOOR TRACK

Barbara Contos finished second and Donnie Pattullo was third as top individual athletes, while the Andover High women and men placed sixth and 11th respectively in a huge 49-school field at the annual State Class B Championship Meet last Saturday at the Reggie Lewis Track Center in Roxbury.

While AHS had no individual class championships, five individuals and one relay team did finish in the top five to qualify for this Saturday's All-State Meet at the Lewis Center (11 a.m.).

Contos and Pattullo will be joined by teammates Stephanie Brown, Katherine Blais, Peter Ellis and the women's 4x800 meter relay quartet of Jocelyn Gould, Abby Clarke, Leslie Ring and Blais.

Matt Herling and Matt Aufiero qualified as alternates and will step in if someone else in their specialty cannot compete.

Schedule

The New England Indoor Championships will be held on Saturday, March 8 at Harvard University (noon), while the High School Nationals are scheduled the same

weekend (March 7-9) at the Lewis Center.

Andover athletes who qualify will probably bypass the Nationals and compete at the New Englands.

Completing the indoor season are the State Pentathlon Championships for both men and women March 11-12 at the Lewis Center.

Andover will send a pair of three-person teams to the competition, the women represented by Katherine Blais, Nolia Hill and Cerilla Stevens and the men by Peter Ellis, Matt Aufiero and Mike Orlandella.

Ellis placed second in the Pentathlon last winter, finishing just three points behind the champion.

Competition is both individual and team.

State Class B Meet

Junior Barbara Contos led the locals with a strong second-place finish in the 55-meter hurdles, flashing across the line in 8.95 seconds to account for eight of the sixth-place Lady Warriors' 18 points.

Fourth-places were contributed by senior high jumper Stephanie Brown, who cleared 5'0," and the 4x800 meter relay quartet of senior Captains Jocelyn Gould and Abby Clarke, sophomore

Leslie Ring and junior Katherine Blais (10:30.5).

Blais added a fifth place in the mile (5:33.1).

Kristen Munson placed 10th in the two-mile (12:19.1).

For the AHS men, senior Captain Donnie Pattullo collected six of the 11 team points with a third place in the 1000

meter run (2:41.9).

Senior Captain Peter Ellis was fourth in the 55-meter hurdles (8.05), and Ellis also anchored the sixth-place 4x200 meter sprint relay team that included junior Matt Aufiero, Matt Yost and senior Dave Sullivan (1:37.1).

Aufiero finished sev-

enth in the 300-meter dash (37.7) and senior Captain Matt Herling was seventh in the mile (4:42.0).

HOCKEY

The Andover High hockey team's 1996-'97 season came to an abrupt

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strictly a two-team race with Andover and Methuen leaving the other seven league teams in their wake. Third place North Andover was almost seven points behind the co-favorites.

"It wasn't as much fun as usual," said AHS coach Julie Curtis. "Everyone was too tense. The meet is supposed to showcase the league stars, but it seemed Methuen was using it more like a grudge match.

"Our girls were a little down after the meet, but they shouldn't have been. They worked hard all season and did very well here with a 134 score. We're still league champs because we won the meets that counted (duals)," said coach Curtis.

The Lady Warriors did best in floor exercise at the League Meet, capturing three of the top six places.

Amy Shui led the way by finishing third in the all-around competition behind winner Kim Russo of North Andover and runner-up Ryann Welch of Methuen.

Shui scored 33.95 which included fifth place finishes in floor exercise (8.75), vault (8.5) and a sixth on the uneven bars (8.2). She also registered an 8.35 on balance beam.

Julie Mullane had the best AHS finish with a second place on bars (8.95), and she added a pair of fourths in floor (8.775) and vault (8.65).

Rachel Isenberg contributed a fifth place on beam (8.5), sixth in floor (8.65) and she added an 8.0 on bars.

Mara Shiff posted an 8.35 in vault, 8.3 on beam and an 8.1 in floor.

Nicole Carpentier scored 7.875 on beam and 7.8 on bars, and Kerri Krivelow contributed an 8.2 in vault.

Andover recap:

UNEVEN BARS: 2. Julie Mullane 8.95; 6. Amy Shui 8.2; Rachel Isenberg 8.0; Nicole Carpentier 7.8.

BALANCE BEAM: 5. Isenberg 8.5; Shui 8.35; Mara Shiff 8.3; Carpentier 7.875.

VAULT: 4. Mullane 8.65; 5. Shui 8.5; Shiff 8.35; Kerri Krivelow 8.2.

FLOOR EXERCISE: 4. Mullane 8.775; 5. Shui 8.75; 6. Isenberg 8.65; Shiff 8.1.

MEN'S SWIMMING

Kevin Riley once again completed the sea-

son at a full gallop.

The Andover/Central Catholic thoroughbred swimmer finished a close second in the 100-yard breaststroke, and fourth in the 100 butterfly, at the annual season-ending All-State Division 1 Swimming & Diving Championships last Saturday at Springfield College.

Riley, Sean Krueger and diver Matt Stitham accounted for the majority of the points as the Golden Warriors scored 67 points to place eighth in a multi-school field.

The previous weekend Riley blew the field away in the 200-yard individual medley at the annual MIAA North Sectional Championship Meet held at Haverhill High.

He and Sean Krueger both scored in two events at the meet, while one-meter diver Matt Stitham placed third.

Riley was also a double individual event winner for the second straight year, setting school, league and meet records in the 100-yard breaststroke, as the combined Andover/Central Catholic men's swim team placed third in a five-school field at the annual Merrimack Valley Conference Championship Meet at the Haverhill High pool.

Riley posted a superb 1:01.15 time to win the 100 breast race by almost two full seconds, eclipsing the existing MVC league mark of 1:02.28 and lowering the meet standard of 1:02.54.

Matt Stitham had the other A/CC victory, remaining undefeated against league opponents in the one-meter diving competition with a season-best 221.65 points.

The locals, who have won the league title once in the last 12 years, finished with 213 points to trail champion Nashua, N.H. at 473 and Chelmsford at 370.

All-State Championship Meet

Kevin Riley posted a swift 1:02.18 time on his way to a team-best second place in the 100-yard breaststroke during the competition at Springfield College's state-of-the-art 50-meter pool inside the Art Linkletter Natatorium.

Mike Sabina of state team champ B.C. High was the only one faster in the race, touching in 1:01.81.

While placing fourth in the 100 butterfly, Riley was clocked in 54.55 which was less than one second behind winner Grayson Stuntz of Acton-

Boxboro (53.74).

Sean Krueger swam an unusual double, competing in both the short-

est and longest races of the day. He placed ninth in the 500-yard freestyle marathon (5:15.92) and

12th in the 50-yard freestyle sprint (24.14).

Riley and Krueger also swam legs for the

sixth-place 200 free relay team (1:34.47) and eighth-place 200 medley relay

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1997



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TIMES AND DATES

*** NATIONAL LEAGUE (South and Bancroft School Districts) ***

Date of Birth	Age	Saturday 3/8	Saturday 3/15
From To			
Aug. 1, 1984 - July 31, 1985	12	11:15 A.M. - 12:00 noon	3:15 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.
Aug. 1, 1985 - July 31, 1986	11	10:00 A.M. - 11:15 A.M.	2:00 P.M. - 3:15 P.M.
Aug. 1, 1986 - July 31, 1987	10	8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.	12:00 noon - 2:00 P.M.

*** AMERICAN LEAGUE (West & Sanborn School Districts) ***

Date of Birth	Age	Saturday 3/8	Saturday 3/15
From To			
Aug. 1, 1984 - July 31, 1985	12	3:15 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.	11:15 A.M. - 12:00 Noon
Aug. 1, 1985 - July 31, 1986	11	2:00 P.M. - 3:15 P.M.	10:00 A.M. - 11:15 A.M.
Aug. 1, 1986 - July 31, 1987	10	12:00 noon - 2:00 P.M.	8:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.

WHO SHOULD COME:

Only players age 10 through 12 who want to be considered for selection by a major league team. Players should bring a glove and baseball cap and be present at the tryout **ten minutes before starting time** for check in. Major League managers will conduct fielding and batting practice. **Please be on time. Important:** Only players with sneakers will be allowed to participate because of the special indoor surface. Players should attend both sessions to allow fair evaluation by managers, but must attend one session to be considered for the draft.

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AHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

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last week when the Golden Warriors, facing a must-win situation to qualify for the MIAA Division 2 Tournament, lost a 5-1 decision to Canton in the third-place consolation game of the Newburyport Bank Classic.

Coach Bill Cullen's crew, which battled back from a 1-5-2 start to win six of seven games, needed two points in its final three games to make the tourney.

But the locals, with three key players sidelined by injury, fell short with consecutive losses to Haverhill (3-2), Triton Regional (3-1) and Canton.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, SECOND FLOOR, in MEMORIAL HALL, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER, on THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 1997 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of JOHN MOONEY II, 9 Washington Avenue, Andover, Ma. as a party aggrieved for review of a decision made by the Inspector of Buildings in denying a business to be conducted in a single family residential zone.

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It marks the first time in Cullen's six-year tenure that Andover is not playing in the tournament, the final 7-9-2 record leaving the coach at 65-44-14 overall with the Golden Warriors.

Injury report

Andover had to play

the Triton and Canton games without one of its top scorers, Scott Ciruso, who suffered an ankle injury against Haverhill.

Junior defenseman Matt Adams also missed several games down the stretch with an ankle injury, and defenseman Scott Petersen was side-

lined with a broken left wrist suffered against Tewksbury.

MV/DCL All-Stars

Junior goaltender John Hogan, junior defenseman Adam Colucci, and senior forwards Rob Busby and Josh Hoerner were selected MV/DCL Division 2 All-Stars.

As such they competed in the All-Star Game last Sunday afternoon at Merrimack College, with the MV/DCL stars facing the Cape Ann League All-Stars in an abbreviated game consisting of two 20-minute periods.

Scoring leaders

Josh Hoerner finished the 18-game season as the top scorer with eight goals and 13 assists, closely followed by Rob Busby with nine goals, 11 assists.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Jeff Danis and Corry McLaughlin combined for 32 points as the Andover High men's varsity basketball team completed the regular season with a 64-55 Merrimack Valley Conference Large School Division victory over host Lowell at the Riddick Field House's Abraham Gym last week.

The win enabled the

Golden Warriors to nail down sole possession of second place in the division with a 10-3 league record, while overall AHS is 16-4.

The triumph also avenged one of the locals' four losses, a 41-37 upset defeat to Lowell on Jan. 25.

Junior forward Danis

netted a game-high 18 points and 6'8" senior center McLaughlin added 14 as Andover stretched its win streak through five games.

Dave Kodinsky contributed nine points, including his team high 24th and 25th three-pointers, while Brendan Long scored eight points and

Ryan Games six.

Completing the attack were Rob Oppenheim with four points, Mark O'Sullivan three and Dave Hajjar two.

The balanced offense for Lowell, which finished the season at 8-11, was paced by Mike Reilly with 15 points, Chris

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ANDOVER SCORING

ICE HOCKEY (18 games)

	G	A	Pts
Josh Hoerner	8	13	21
Rob Busby	9	11	20
Doug Henderson	4	9	13
Scott Ciruso	8	3	11
Adam Colucci	5	5	10
Robert Kwon	5	5	10
Albert Kwon	3	7	10
Marty Lastrina	1	7	8
Ryan Boilard	4	3	7
Mike Mallon	1	5	6
Scott Petersen	1	4	5
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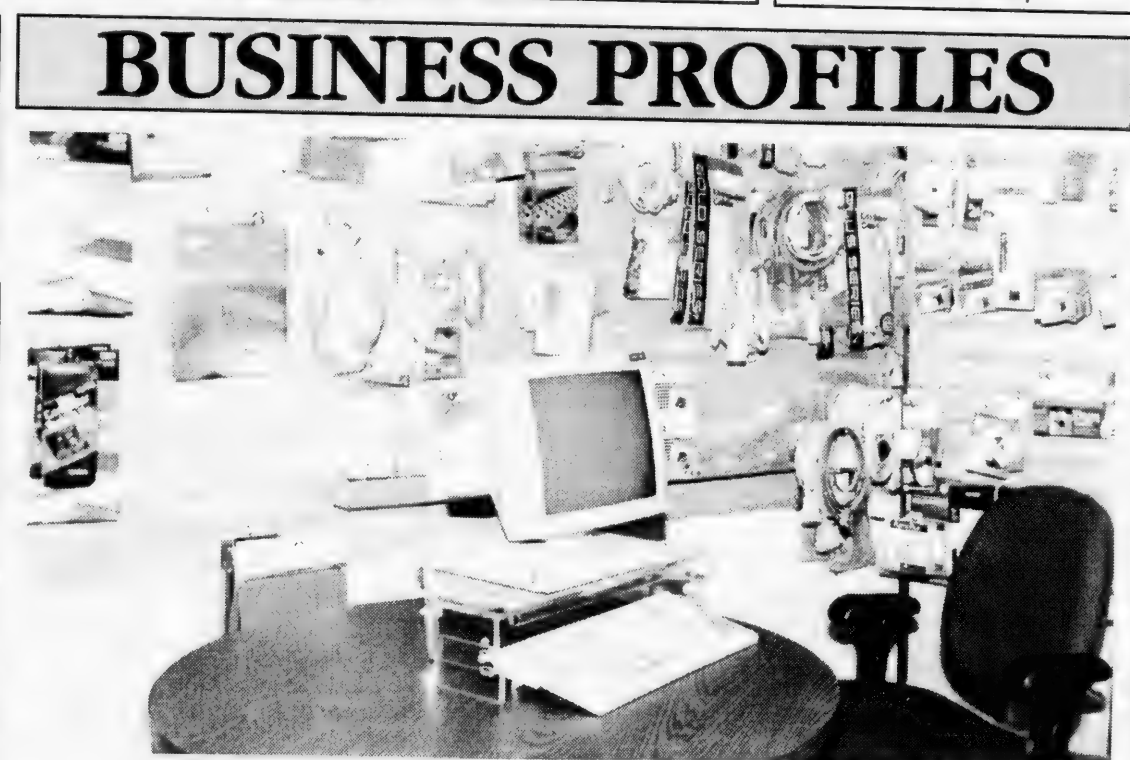
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The Andover High Lady Warriors were ready, not rusty, Tuesday night against Woburn.

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Perfectly golden season, tourney win

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Scoring race

Following Charlotte Muller's 379 points are Sue Tully with 214, Sarah Muller 199, Laura Orlando 141 and Janice Coppolino 100.

All-Conference

Charlotte Muller and Sue Tully were named to the 12-player MVC All-Conference team earlier this week, and

the pair were also voted Co-Most Valuable Players in the league.

Sarah Muller was selected to the MVC All-Star team, and Jim Tildsley was chosen league Coach-of-the-Year to complete an Andover sweep of the top honors.

The Muller twins and Tully will represent the Lady Warriors at the annual MVC

All-Star doubleheader scheduled for Sunday, March 9, at Haverhill High.

The women's game begins at 1 p.m., preceded by a free throw shooting contest at 12:30 and followed by a three-point shooting contest at 2:30. The Muller twins should be high on the list of favorites in the latter contest.

AHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

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Burns (10 rebounds) and Chris Degree 10 each, Phil Connors eight and Jeremy Richardson eight.

The Golden Warriors did an excellent job putting the defensive clamps on Richardson, one of the top scorers in Eastern Massachusetts.

Andover led 34-26 at the half and traded hoops with Lowell over the final 16 minutes.

Scoring leaders

McLaughlin finished the regular season with a team-high 356 points, Long has 246, Danis 193, O'Sullivan 154 and Kodinsky 128.

MVC All-Conference

Corry McLaughlin and Brendan Long were named to the 12-player 1996-'97 MVC All-Conference team earlier this week.

Mark O'Sullivan was also selected as an MVC All-Star.

The trio will represent Andover at the annual MVC All-Star doubleheader scheduled for Sunday, March 9 at Haverhill High.

The men's game begins at 3 p.m. and will be preceded by a free throw shooting contest at 12:30, the women's All-Star Game at 1:00 and a three-point shooting contest at 2:30.

Long-range shooter Long is expected to enter the three-point contest.

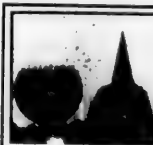
ANDOVER SCORING

MEN'S BASKETBALL (20 games)

	FG	FT	Pts
Corry McLaughlin	121	114	356
Brendan Long	87	49	246
Jeff Danis	74	45	193
Mark O'Sullivan	57	40	154
Dave Kodinsky	43	17	128
Ryan Games	30	14	74
Dave Hajjar	18	12	48
Rob Oppenheim	12	11	35
Pat Annese	6	9	21
Joe Sciolla	5	2	13
Chris Drizen	3	2	11
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Brian Anderson	2	2	6

3-pointers: Kodinsky 25, Long 23, Drizen 3, Sciolla 1.

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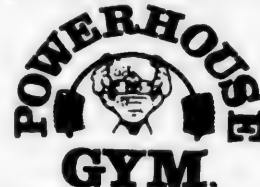
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A public hearing will be held at MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, SECOND FLOOR, in MEMORIAL HALL, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER, on THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 1997 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of NIUNA-PARCEL B, Inc. as General Partner of Parcel B. Ltd. Partnership, 300 Brickstone Square, 5th floor, Andover, Ma. for variances from the requirements of Article VIII, Sections V.B.2.i. and V.8.a. of the Zoning By-Law to allow the construction of a basketball and volleyball court as a principal use on a lot in an Industrial D Zone.

Premises affected are located at 157 RIVER ROAD AND VACANT LAND WITH FRONTAGE ON RIVER ROAD AND 1776 MINUTEMAN DRIVE, Andover, Ma. in an Industrial D District and is shown on Assessor's Map 166 as Lot 12E.

DANIEL S. CASPER, ESQ.,
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FEBRUARY 20 & 27, 1997

TOWN OF ANDOVER



PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened on Tuesday, March

11, 1997, at 8:00 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, Bartlet Street, on an application submitted by CIGNA Corporation of Philadelphia, PA, for a Site Plan Special Permit for the construction of a new 4 story, 143,105 square foot office/R&D building and associated parking areas to be located on property situated at 25 New England Business Center Drive, off Old River Road in Andover. The application may be viewed in the Planning Department between the hours of 8:30 a.m., and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT

Essex Division
Docket No. 97C 0036-CA1
NOTICE OF
CHANGE OF NAME

To all persons interested in the petition hereinafter described.

A petition has been presented to said Court by JOSEPHINE GENTILE of Andover, Essex County, praying that her name may be changed as follows:

JOSEPHINE GENTILE
TO
JOSEPHINE ERVIN

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Salem before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twenty-fourth day of March, 1997

WITNESS, Edward J. Rockett Esquire, First Judge of said Court at Salem, this twentieth day of February, 1997

Pamela Casey O'Brien
Register of Probate
February 27, 1997

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A public hearing will be held at MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, SECOND FLOOR, in MEMORIAL HALL, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER, on THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 1997 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of TRACY HARRIS & GLEN NEWSOME, 14 Appletree Lane, Andover, Ma. for a variance from the requirements of Article VIII, Section V.A. of the Zoning By-Law and/or a special permit under Article VIII, Section VII.A.1 of the Zoning By-Law to allow the construction of an addition to a non-conforming structure which does not meet the minimum setback requirements.

Premises affected are located at 14 APPLETREE LANE, Andover, Ma. in a Single Residence B District and is shown on Assessor's Map 42 as Lot 24.
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT (SEAL) Case No. 236011

To David W. Swenson and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended: GMAC Mortgage Corporation, f/k/a GMAC Mortgage Corporation of PA, successor by merger with GMAC Mortgage Corporation of Iowa claiming to be the holder of a mortgage covering real property in Andover, Unit 5, Hunters Ridge Condominium, 10 Martingale Lane, given by David W. Swenson to Centertank Mortgage Company dated May 21, 1993 with Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 3739, Page 60, now held by the Plaintiff by assignment has filed with

said court a complaint for authority to foreclose said mortgage in the manner following: by entry and possession and exercise of power of sale.

If you are entitled to the benefits of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act of 1940 as amended and you object to such foreclosure you or your attorney should file a written appearance and answer in said court at Boston on or before the 7th day of April, 1997, or you may be forever barred from claiming that such foreclosure is invalid under said act.

Witness, PETER W. KILBORN, Chief Justice of said Court this 19th day of February, 1997.

Charles W. Trombly, Jr.
Recorder
February 27, 1996

TOWN OF ANDOVER



PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened on Tuesday, March 11, 1997, at 7:30 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, Bartlet Street, on an application submitted by Niuna-100 River, Inc., of Andover, MA for a Site Plan Special Permit for the construction of a new 3 story, 200,000 square foot engineering/office building and associated parking areas to be located on property situated at 127 River Road in Minuteman Park (off 1776 Drive) in Andover. The application may be viewed in the Planning Department between the hours of 8:30 a.m., and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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TOWN OF ANDOVER



PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened on Tuesday, March 11, 1997, at 8:30 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, Bartlet Street, on an application submitted by CIGNA Corporation of Philadelphia, PA, for a Site

Plan Special Permit for the construction of a new 2 story, 86,767 square foot office/R&D building and associated parking areas to be located on property situated at 35 New England Business Center Drive, off Old River Road in Andover. The application may be viewed in the Planning Department between the hours of 8:30 a.m., and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Joan Bennett to Travelers Mortgage Services, Inc., dated January 4, 1990 and recorded with the Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 3051, Page 338, of which mortgage G.E. Capital Mortgage Services, Inc. f/k/a Travelers Mortgage Services, Inc. is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 12:00 p.m. on March 21, 1997, on the mortgaged premises located at Unit 29, 29 Alcott Village Lane, Alcott Village Condominium, North Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

Unit 29 in Alcott Village Condominium, together with an undivided 2.5641% interest in the common areas and facilities of Alcott Village Condominium located at Andover Bypass, Route 125, North Andover, Essex County Massachusetts, a condominium established by Leo H. Xarras pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 183A, as amended, by Master Deed, dated July 19, 1989, and recorded with the Essex North Registry of Deeds on August 15, 1989, as Instrument No. 17624 and managed and regulated by the Trustees of Alcott Village Condominium Trust under a Declaration of Trust recorded with said Deeds on August 15, 1989, as Instrument No. 17625. The unit is shown on floor plans recorded simultaneously with the Master Deed and also on the copy of the portion of said plans attached to the Unit Deed, to which is affixed the verified statement of a registered architect in the form required by Section 9 of said Chapter 183A.

The unit has the benefit of and is subject to easements, restrictions and reservations of record contained in the Master Deed, By-Laws and other condominium documents of Alcott Village Condominium.

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February 20 & 27, March 6, 1997

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following is a list of properties in Andover that sold from Feb. 3 to Feb. 13.

1 Ward E. Lambert bought 7 Marilyn Road, Lot 28, for \$250,000 from Huiping Li.

2 Daniel J. Turco bought Unit 1, Colonial Drive for \$48,000 from BBMG Realty Trust.

3 Andover Main Street LLC bought Railroad St. (no further address given) for \$1,502,000 from SCAPA Group.

Source: Registry of Deeds, Lawrence branch.

Unit 1 at this building
on Colonial Drive sold
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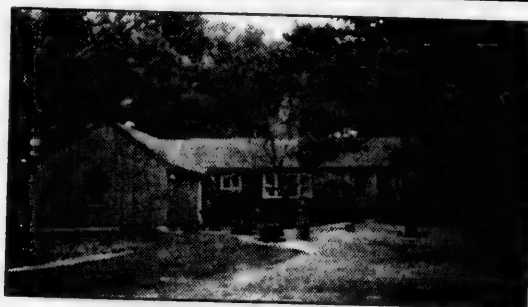
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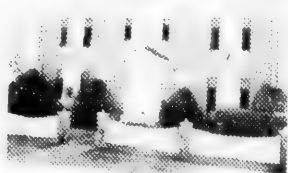
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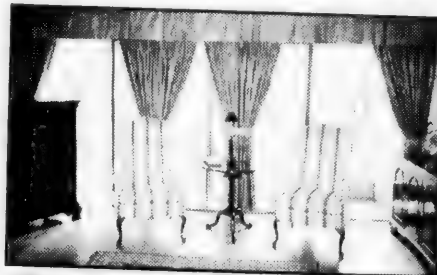


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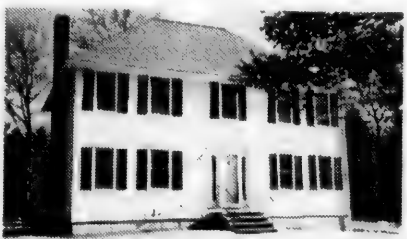
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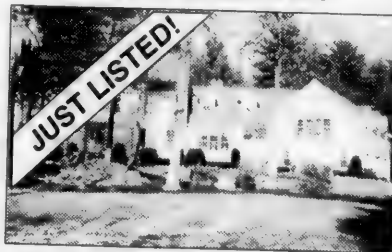
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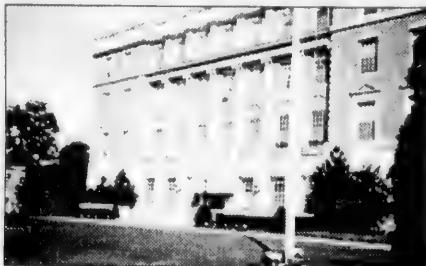


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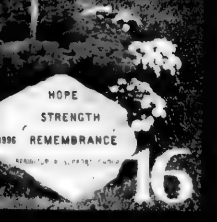
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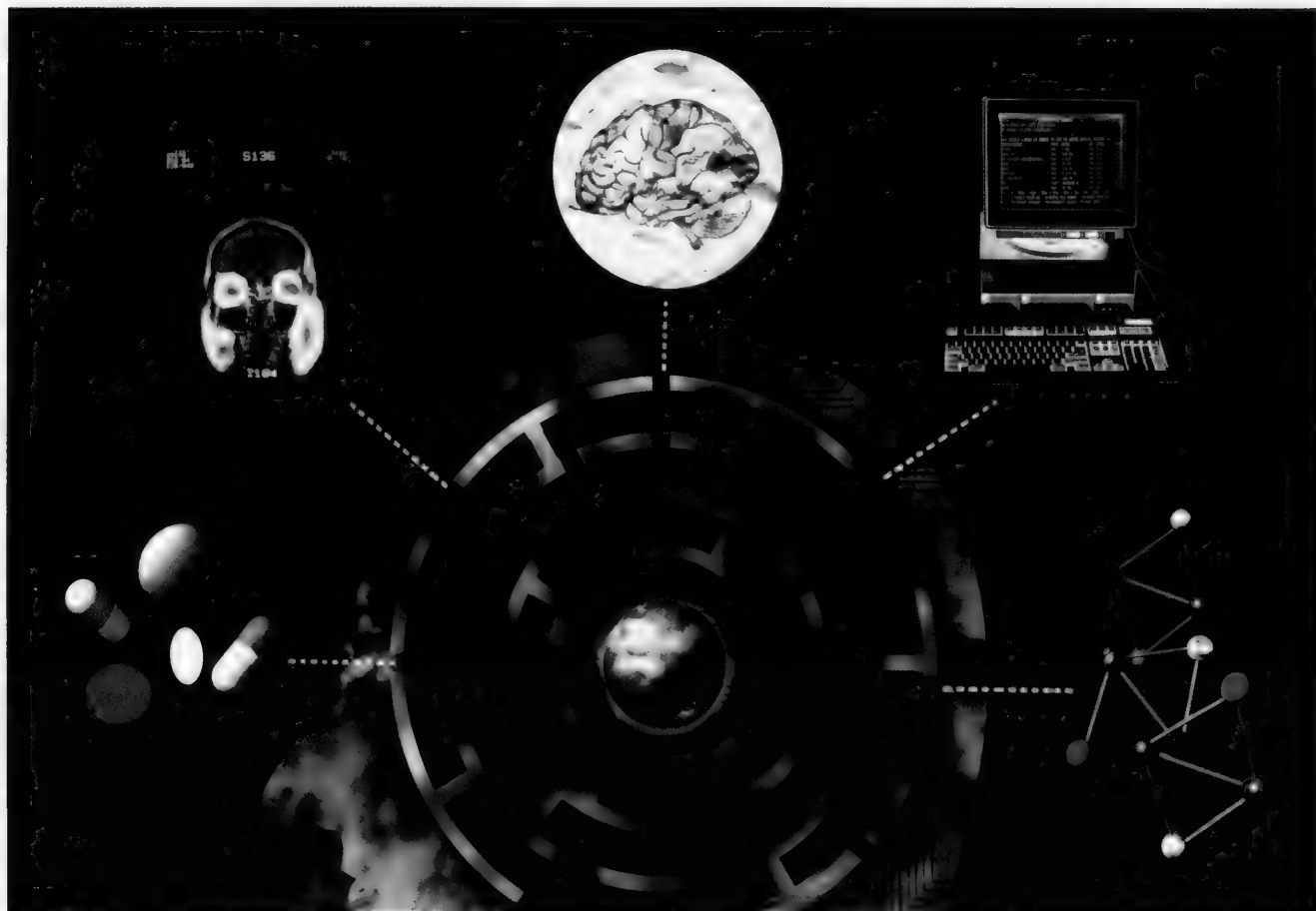
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ON THE COVER: Hands-on patient care is what Lahey Hitchcock Medical Center nurse Kelly Collins, R.N., enjoys about nursing.

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Medical Breakthroughs

Procedures That Could Change Your Life

When you are facing a serious medical crisis, you want the best, most advanced treatment available. Yet the scope of medical knowledge and technology is so vast that you need guidance in finding the right treatment. Your primary care physician, or PCP, can help you navigate your way through the maze of doctors, facilities, procedures and medications, referring you to specialists outside his or her realm that are most capable of providing state-of-the-art treatment.

BY MALORYE ALLISON

The Lahey Hitchcock Clinic health care network is outstanding in terms of the number of cutting-edge procedures it offers. From interstitial brachytherapy for the treatment of prostate cancer to stem cell therapies for other types of cancer, to interventional neuroradiology to treat abnormalities in the brain, Lahey Hitchcock specialists are qualified to perform some of the most innovative tests and treatments available today.

As a result, patients within the region have a wider range of choices and, more important, greater chances of positive results.

IMPROVING PROSTATE CANCER TREATMENT

Some men with prostate cancer are seeing more rapid and effective treatment of the disease, as well as fewer side effects, thanks to a procedure called interstitial brachytherapy. The procedure, which dates back to the 1970s, involves the implantation of radioactive seeds in the prostate. In the past, a surgical incision (and usually a hospital stay) was necessary to implant the seeds. Today, however, they are placed using ultrasound guidance — a process that requires no incision, no hospital stay and often only one outpatient visit.

Physicians are using new templates to allow more precise placement of the seeds. "We've had major advances in the ultrasound machines and related technologies, such as software, that we use to guide seed placement in this procedure," says Glenn A. Healey, M.D., director of clinical operations in the Department of Radiation Oncology at Lahey Hitchcock Medical Center in Burlington, Mass. Dr. Healey performs these procedures in conjunction with urologists Robert A. Roth, M.D., and William Bihrlle III, M.D.

At Lahey Hitchcock, the most advanced form of this treatment, high-dose rate-afterloading interstitial brachytherapy, is also being performed. This brand-new approach, sometimes described as the "smart bomb" technique, uses a radioactive source that is removed after the treatment.

"The radioactivity of this source is about a thousand times higher than the sources used in



A pioneer in the field of interventional neuroradiology, In Sup Choi, M.D., holds one of the tiny platinum coils he uses to repair weak spots in the brain's blood vessels. Below: a closer view of the state-of-the-art coil.

a conventional seed implant," Dr. Healey explains. "This means that the total dose can be delivered in three short pulses over two days, rather than over weeks to months." The patient receives an effective "cancer killing" radiation dose, but doesn't have to carry the seeds with him for the rest of his life. As excited as he is about this new tool, Dr. Healey is more excited about what lies ahead. "The equipment will keep advancing," he says, "and I'm sure we will see even more options in the future."

TINY TOOLS FOR RADIOLOGISTS

The technological advances in neuroscience are coming fast and furious, and patients suffering from neurological conditions are seeing the benefits. In Sup Choi, M.D., is bringing the relatively new field of interventional neuroradiology to Lahey Hitchcock Medical Center. The key to these procedures is tiny catheters (1 millimeter in diameter) that are snaked through an opening in the groin up to the brain, allowing physicians to view a detailed image of the interior of the brain.

"Once we reach the brain," says Dr. Choi, "we can close off abnormal vessels that may cause a hemorrhage, or open up closed vessels that provide essential blood flow to the brain."

To treat a disorder known as arteriovenous malformation, or AVM, Dr. Choi injects what he calls "crazy glue" — small particles that can seal off the malformed artery — preventing the vessel from allowing too much blood to flow



surgery group and Dr. H. Royden Jones' neurology division. This team approach means that the patient encounters excellence at every step of the diagnosis and treatment."

STEM CELL THERAPY: A NEW TOOL AGAINST CANCER

With cancer treatment, the trick is to kill the bad cells and leave the good ones intact. This is particularly challenging when tumors have spread throughout the body — in advanced breast cancer, for example — or when the cancer is diffuse because it affects cells in the blood, as in myeloma, leukemia or lymphoma.

Bone marrow transplantation was the first attempt to replace the critical blood-forming cells that are wiped out during chemotherapy. But this procedure can be grueling, especially during the collection of the bone marrow from a suitable donor. Side effects can result during the two to three weeks it takes for the transplanted marrow to engraft, or begin working, leaving the patient's blood count dangerously low for a long time.

A new technique may offer a way around bone marrow transplants. By collecting hematopoietic stem cells (cells from which all the blood's key components can develop) and then transplanting them along with "growth" factors, patients experience less toxicity and their blood counts often rise within two weeks.

"Studies are beginning to show that for certain types of cancer patients, this is the preferred therapy," says Arthur P. Rabinowitz, M.D., director of the Autologous Stem Cell Transplant Program at the Lahey Hitchcock Medical Center in Burlington, Mass.

Autologous transplants, in which the patient's own cells are harvested for later transplant, is the most common procedure, because it has few complications and avoids the need for a donor. "It's still a tough procedure to go through," says Letha Mills, M.D., a hematologist/oncologist at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H. "But we find that by giving the patients every type of support they may need, including social and emotional help, they get through it a lot more easily." **LET**

CHOICES FOR TREATING URINARY INCONTINENCE

Incontinence can affect a wide variety of people, and for many different reasons. The elderly, particularly women, are the most likely candidates for this problem. But younger people, including para- or quadraplegics, may also become unable to control their bladder. Fortunately, a number of treatment options are available.

"It's not just that we have more types of surgery and other treatment options," says John L. Currie, M.D., a gynecological oncologist and surgeon at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H. "Improvements in the way we diagnose incontinence make it easier to pick the right treatment for a patient."

Treatments range from pelvic exercises or insertable devices to collagen injections or complex surgery. At Lahey Hitchcock Medical Center's Continence Center in Burlington, Mass., patients undergo a detailed evaluation and are carefully tracked by the continence nurse, Nancy Shinopulos, B.S.N. "This not only helps us find the right treatment, but it helps us advance the study of continence," says John J. Smith III, M.D., co-director of the Continence Center with Stanley J. Swierzewski III, M.D. "Nancy coordinates treatments such as biofeedback and educates patients about pelvic exercises."

In women, incontinence can arise when the muscles around the bladder weaken and sag. The angle of the bladder to the pelvic bone — important for bladder control — may shift with childbirth and age. A variety of surgical techniques can correct this problem.

Ann Gormley, M.D., a urologist at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, is one of several physicians in the network who are highly experienced in the pubo-vaginal sling procedure. In this operation, Dr. Gormley takes a piece of fibrous tissue from the abdomen and uses it to hold up and close the urethra. Doctors Gormley and Currie believe that this and other "sling" type operations for incontinence provide longer-lasting benefits than other surgeries. "Not every patient is a candidate for a sling," Dr. Currie notes, "but for those who are it works very well."

"The sling requires a much smaller incision than other surgeries, a shorter hospital stay and patients are back to normal within four to six weeks," explains Dr. Gormley. Surgeons are also beginning to use laparoscopic instruments, which allow abdominal surgery to be carried out through tiny incisions.

Experimental procedures not available in most other medical centers are also an option. "We are involved in studies of new treatments and devices for both men and women," says Dr. Smith.

"Physicians like myself and Jackson Beecham, M.D., director of gynecological oncology at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, are working closely with other specialists, such as Dr. Gormley, who is a urological surgeon," says Dr. Currie.

—M.A.

Breakthroughs



Less invasive tests and scanning tools allow neuropsychologist Andrew J. Saykin, Psy.D., to see more precisely how the brain works.

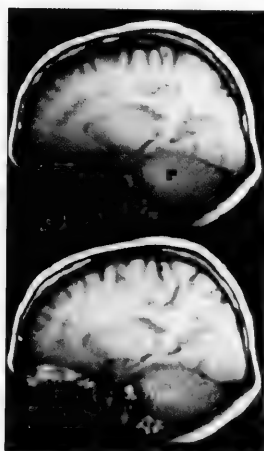
through it. Similarly, aneurysms are weak areas of the vessel that bulge and may eventually rupture. "The only way to treat this condition used to be surgery, which involved opening the skull," explains Dr. Choi. "Now, we line the inside of the

aneurysm with tiny platinum coils," reinforcing the weak spot and thus reducing the chance of life-threatening hemorrhage. Blood vessels may also be abnormally narrow; in these cases, a balloon catheter is slipped through the vein and inflated to dilate the narrowed segment.

Interventional neuroradiology techniques may also be used to treat malformations or tumors involving blood vessels in the head, neck and spine. "The platinum coil was an important new tool," says Dr. Choi, "but there are many other exciting things on the way." The department has acquired a rotational angiography machine that will provide a more detailed three-dimensional image of the vast network of blood vessels in the brain.

"But it's not just sophisticated equipment that sets this new initiative apart," says Dr. Choi. "Our group is just one leg of a tripod that is also anchored by Dr. Stephen R. Freidberg's neuro-

WATCHING WHAT YOU THINK



This functional MRI image traces the parts of the left (top) and right (bottom) sides of the brain involved when moving a finger of the right (red) and left hand (blue).

Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) has already revolutionized neurology by providing physicians with highly detailed images of the brain to help in the diagnosis and treatment of disease. Now this exciting tool may have an intriguing new application: showing us the brain at work.

Functional MRI can detect small shifts in the relative amounts of two variants (oxy- and deoxyhemoglobin) of a particular blood component. Such shifts occur as blood flows to an area of the brain. By measuring the shifts precisely and then comparing the differences, the MRI machine can pinpoint the parts of the brain that are working when someone performs a particular function.

"This finally gives us a way, besides putting electrodes in the brain [which requires surgery] or using a radioactive tracer, to see what part of it controls which functions," explains Andrew J. Saykin, Psy.D., a neuropsychologist and director of the Neuropsychology Program at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H., and New Hampshire Hospital in Concord, N.H. "If we put a patient in the scanner and have them move their fingers, we will see the motor area of their brain 'light up' in the resulting image."

The neuropsychology group, which is composed of researchers from several disciplines, is conducting studies of memory in hope of aiding the diagnosis and treatment of disorders such as Alzheimer's disease, epilepsy and schizophrenia. "Memory is now thought of as a complex network," says Dr. Saykin. "When you injure even one small part of the brain, you could be disrupting many components of the network." Today, neuroscientists map brain function using many complex tests, some of them invasive (i.e., require putting something into the brain, such as a radioactive tracer). "MRI promises to be a noninvasive, quicker and more powerful diagnostic tool for studies of brain injury and for investigating how the brain works in healthy people," he says.

—M.A.



mally allows fluid to escape, becomes blocked. This elevated pressure causes irreversible damage to the optic nerve, and could bring on blindness.

Glaucoma is a fairly common eye disorder, affecting some 2 million Americans; another 2 million people are at risk. There are some 50 forms of the disease, but the two most common are called angle closure, in which the iris covers the drain, and open-angle glaucoma, in which the drain itself simply does not function.

For many years, treatment usually involved a drug called pilocarpine, which reduces pressure by widening the drain. Two new drugs have been

introduced within the past year: Trusopt, which decreases the amount of fluid flowing into the eye, and latanoprost, which also opens the drain.

"There's more good news in that these drugs can be used in combination," says David Campbell, M.D., director of the Glaucoma Service at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H. "If we can combine medications and further lower pressure within the eye, that's a real help."

Another anti-glaucoma medication, called Xalatan, allows fluid to leave the eye by a second pathway — the scleral tissue at the back of the eye. This gives ophthalmologists yet another option in medical therapy. "Xalatan is extremely

potent," says Paul Cotran, M.D., Eye Institute glaucoma specialist, "so it requires only once-a-day application, whereas other drugs may need to be used up to four times a day. Another advantage is that it has no known effect on the cardiovascular system or other organ systems. Side effects appear few except for some stinging of the eyes; also, after months of use some patients notice a darkening of iris color, primari-

No more nearsightedness, thanks to laser vision correction techniques (at left) performed here by ophthalmologist Sarkis Soukiasian, M.D., at Lahey Hitchcock Northshore.

LIFE WITHOUT GLASSES

Remember that first pair of glasses? That black plastic rim wasn't the prettiest frame for your world, was it? For personal or professional reasons, a lot of people don't like to wear glasses and would rather not fuss with contact lenses. For such people, surgery — a one-time solution to nearsightedness — may be the answer.

Myopia, or nearsightedness, is a condition in which the cornea is too convex or the eyeball slightly elongated, causing images to become blurred. In radial keratotomy (RK), a procedure that has been available for several years, the surgeon makes a series of cuts that result in a flattening of the cornea and improved focus. In the 1970s, doctors in the Soviet Union performed thousands of RKs on surgical "assembly lines." While the success of this surgery was inconsistent, modified versions now performed in this country have more predictable results.

According to Sarkis Soukiasian, M.D., Lahey Hitchcock Eye Institute's director of refractive surgery, a modified version called the mini-RK eliminates many problems formerly associated with the traditional RK. This procedure makes use of smaller incisions, decreasing the chance of complications.

"In the right patient, the mini-RK gives excellent results, and it's the only RK we do," says Dr. Soukiasian. "We generally use it to correct patients with 20/200 uncorrected vision or better. The procedure takes about 15 to 20 minutes per eye, and recovery is about one week. After a mini-RK, about 80 percent of patients have 20/40 vision or better, meaning they don't need glasses to pass a driving test, and more than 50 percent see 20/20 or better."

More recently, the excimer laser has become available to correct more significant levels of nearsightedness. In a procedure called photorefractive keratectomy, Dr. Soukiasian uses the laser to sculpt the cornea and improve focus.

"Laser vision correction gives 98 percent of patients 20/40 or better vision," Dr. Soukiasian says, "and 80 percent see 20/20 without correction. Healing takes a little bit longer, but this is an extremely safe and precise procedure and the treatment of choice for people with higher levels of nearsightedness."

—J.L.

Sight for Sore Eyes

The Lahey Hitchcock Eye Team Treats the Toughest Threats to Your Vision

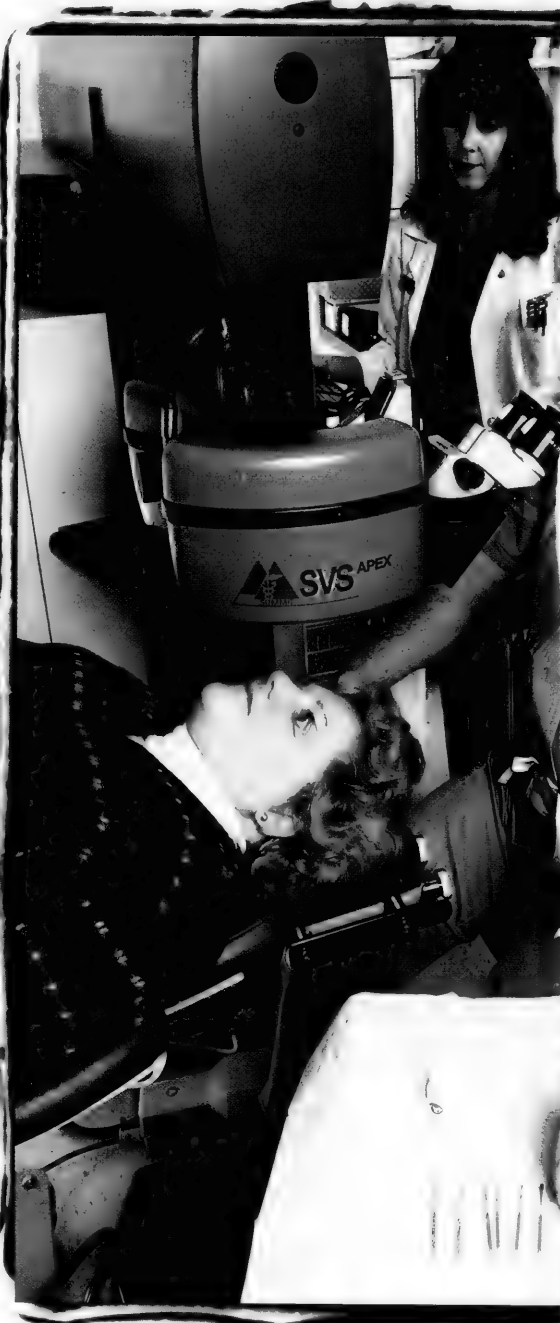
Every year thousands of people in this country go through the frightening realization that something is wrong with their eyes. One person notices a blurring of vision, a sign of a growing cataract. Another perceives gradual darkening and a shrinking field of view, which could accompany glaucoma. Still another wakes to see flashes of light and tiny, round specks floating through a decreased field of vision — symptoms of retinal detachment. All of these conditions can occur unexpectedly and carry with them the terrible fear of blindness.

When such patients come to the Eye Institute at Lahey Hitchcock Northshore in Peabody, Mass., they may be examined by an ophthalmologist, undergo a computer tomography (CT) scan and receive medical or surgical therapy in a matter of hours. That's because the Eye Institute offers a full range of sophisticated ophthalmologic services, including advanced diagnostic and treatment equipment for a full range of vision needs.

"I think we're singular at Lahey Hitchcock Northshore in Peabody, Mass., in that everything is contained in one organizational framework," says F. Denton Wertz, M.D., Eye Institute direc-

tor and chairman of ophthalmology in the Massachusetts Region. "The beauty of the system is that most patients can be seen in an efficient, low-cost, friendly environment, where they can usually have their problems remedied quickly and then spend the night at home."

Ophthalmology researchers have made significant progress in the treatment of glaucoma, an insidious condition in which pressure inside the eyeball rises abnormally. Fluid is constantly produced in the eye. An increase of pressure occurs when the trabecular meshwork, a drain that nor-



BY JOHN F. LAUERMAN

Photographs: Joan Seidel

Nursing in the '90s

An Expanded Role and Increased Responsibility Keep Nurses at the Heart of Patient Care



Technological advances have changed and expanded the role of the nurse. Cardiac care unit nurse Marty O'Brien, R.N., administers an EKG to a patient.

It is just before 7 a.m. when nurse Kelly Collins, R.N., arrives at the medical/surgical unit on Lahey Hitchcock Medical Center's seventh floor. The area is bustling as the night-shift nurses turn over their duties to the daytime staff and the new shift prepares to receive surgical patients who will be admitted to the unit.

Ms. Collins' day will not end for another 12 hours, perhaps longer. During that time, she will care for postsurgical patients, soothe them and anxious family members, consult with physicians and social workers and educate patients who are going to leave the hospital, either to go home or to another facility.

Her first task is to go over reports from the night-shift staff about the patients assigned to her. Most are recovering from surgery. Ms. Collins typically admits three new patients every day and dis-

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Optometrist Anne Kent, O.D., reviews a patient's history before an eye exam at the Eye Institute at Lahey Hitchcock Northshore in Peabody, Mass.

New medications combined with relieving eye pressure help to treat glaucoma, explains Ophthalmologist David Campbell, M.D., at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center.

ly in patients with green or hazel eyes."

In cases in which prescription drugs are not adequately effective, glaucoma patients may undergo minimally invasive laser surgery. The surgeon puts a special lens on the eye that allows redirection of an argon laser toward the drain. The treatment takes only minutes, and there is practically no recovery time.

"Recent studies show that laser treatment is as good or better than eyedrops in controlling pressure," says Dr. Cotran. "While most of us are not using the laser as initial therapy, I think many patients will begin getting laser treatment earlier, rather than taking multiple drugs."

Patients whose glaucoma cannot be controlled with drug or laser therapy will usually undergo surgical treatment to create a new drain. Recent research has shown that drugs that retard cell growth, such as 5-fluorouracil and mitomycin-C, can prevent postsurgical scarring and improve the success rate of complicated cases to 80 to 90 percent.

"Fewer applications and fewer systemic side effects from drugs, earlier laser treatment and safer surgery," says Dr. Cotran. "All in all, glaucoma treatment is becoming easier, safer and more effective."

Treatment for cataracts has also become simpler and safer. Failing eyesight was once

thought to be an unavoidable accompaniment to aging, but since the dawn of cataract surgery, more elderly patients can maintain their vision.

Cataracts are cloudy portions in the lens of the eye, and frequently occur in the elderly. Today, cataract surgery is "stitchless," allowing for a much more rapid recovery, according to Larry Jager, M.D., an ophthalmologist at Lahey Hitchcock Clinic - Keene in New Hampshire.

"In order to remove and replace the cataractous lens, we used to make 11- to 12-millimeter wounds in the eye, which we would sew up with seven or eight small stitches," Dr. Jager explains. "These had a tendency to distort the eye and cause astigmatism. Also, patients could not lean over or lift anything for several days, for fear the pressure would stretch the stitches."

Using the current procedure, Dr. Jager creates a self-sealing incision that's only 3 or 4 millimeters long. With a technique called phacemulsification, he uses shock waves to break up the old, damaged lens into small pieces that can easily be removed. New lenses that fold up and then snap into position can easily be inserted into the eye through the incision.

Patients used to be hospitalized for up to two weeks following cataract surgery and total healing took six to eight weeks. The self-sealing incision reduces total healing to three to five weeks, with no restriction on bending or lifting.

"This new incision technique has been available for about five years," Dr. Jager says. "I think it's a better technique, and although not everyone uses it, it's evolving into the standard. It works in almost all cataract surgeries."

In addition to offering these treatments and techniques, the Massachusetts Region's Eye Institute is well equipped to care for other eye ailments. Using the excimer laser, Lahey Hitchcock ophthalmologists can correct conditions like herpes simplex keratitis — a complication of herpes simplex infection — problems with corneal growth and old trauma. Other services include a program for people with diabetes, who are at high risk for vision problems, and cosmetic surgical services.

"We can do it all," says Dr. Wertz. "For eye care, this is one-stop shopping." **L&T**



health care has evolved, now serving more as a patient advocate who looks at the big picture. "Doctors may look at the patient's wounds, but nurses look at patients as whole units — at their personal lives as well as their illnesses."

Ms. Hetnik is proud of how Lahey Hitchcock's nurses have responded to the changes in the field. "Our nurses are doing a great job," she says. "They are clinically competent, dedicated and compassionate." As nursing chair at Lahey Hitchcock Medical Center, she is fully aware of the expanded role nurses play in today's health care setting. "Today, patients come to a hospital for nursing care. Now, more than ever, patients need nurses."

That sentiment is something that John Libertino, M.D., chairman of the Lahey Hitchcock Massachusetts Region Board of Governors, knows firsthand. Diagnosed with kidney cancer four years ago, he was admitted to Lahey Hitchcock Medical Center in Burlington for surgery. "My hospital stay drove home for me what I always knew: that we have great nursing care here, the best in the area," says Dr. Libertino.

He describes the care during his stay as attentive and comforting. "That's important," he says. "No matter how much you know, you need that support and compassion." At the same time, the nurses made sure he did what was necessary for a quick recovery, pushing him to get out of bed. "I was chief of surgery at the time," he says, "yet they still pushed me to the limit."

"It isn't easy to fully realize just how important good nursing is until you experience it firsthand," says Dr. Libertino. "As a physician, you come in, make rounds and have only short interactions with the nurses. As a patient, you have constant exposure. Now when patients tell me about the great nursing care they're receiving, I can truly identify with what they're saying."

His positive experience, along with the excellent evaluations Lahey Hitchcock receives from patient satisfaction surveys, has convinced Dr. Libertino that the nurses at Lahey Hitchcock are among the finest in the Northeast. "Our top priority is patient care," he says, "and our nurses are an important part of that." **L&T**



EMERGENCY NURSING MIXES T.L.C. WITH HIGH TECHNOLOGY

Emergency nursing is one arena in which change has been particularly rapid. Not only are the demands on nurses greater, according to Emergency Department (E.D.) Nursing Director Estelle MacPhail, R.N., M.S., of Southern New Hampshire Regional Medical Center in Nashua, but advances in emergency medicine mean nurses must be prepared to use technology as never before.

Last year 30,296 patients sought emergency treatment at the Nashua facility. Ailments ranged from flu symptoms and unspecified abdominal and back pains, to asthma problems, heart attacks and head injuries resulting from motor vehicle, bike and skateboard accidents. E.D. staffs deliver care to many patients who are critically ill or injured.

E.D. nurses are a unique breed, says Ms. MacPhail, who has been a nurse for more than 20 years and at her present post since 1985. "You are always on your toes, because you never know what is coming through the door." Most important to E.D. care are the ability to think quickly and to have good decision-making skills. "You're always prioritizing which intervention is needed first. No one has time to eat. You eat on the run," she says.

Ms. MacPhail believes that all patients deserve nurses at their bedsides — not just for the technical component of care, but for the "unique holistic approach to care" that nurses bring, the assessment and intervention component that is based on education and experience. "I can teach anyone to take vital signs," says MacPhail. "I could teach my granddaughter. But a patient may have normal vital signs and a nurse can look at the patient and know something more serious is going on. That's what education is all about." —S.A.

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charges between two and four; she is responsible for as many as nine patients. She then reviews charts and medications and meets with nurse's aides to determine which duties each will carry out. They will work as a team throughout the day.

Since Ms. Collins began nursing almost 10 years ago, she has seen dramatic changes in how she and her fellow nurses administer care. Patients today generally spend less time in the hospital than they might have a decade ago for a similar procedure. As a result, caregivers, especially nurses, spend more time planning and assessing patients' needs. From the moment a patient arrives at the unit, nurses begin to prepare him or her for discharge, educating the



Nursing presents challenges both large and small. Here, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit nurse practitioner Dorothy Mullaney, M.H.S., A.R.N.P., of Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, checks in on 12-day-old twin Victoria Hampton.

patient and family on proper care at home.

Nursing today is much broader, as well. In addition to providing for patients at an acute stage in their care — dispensing medications, changing dressings and checking vital signs — nurses may also insert IVs and perform EKGs, according to Marty O'Brien, R.N., of Lahey Hitchcock Medical Center's cardiac care unit. A registered nurse for 12 years (six of them at Lahey Hitchcock), Mr. O'Brien notes that advances in technology have meant that critical care nurses have had to learn new skills.

The changes that Ms. Collins and Mr. O'Brien describe reflect a nationwide trend to provide more efficient, cost-effective health care, says

Jackie Hetnik, R.N., chair of nursing at Lahey Hitchcock Medical Center. Hospital stays are shorter. "Most patients are coming [into the hospital] the morning of surgery," she says. As a result, a lot of care is done on an outpatient basis, and those who are admitted usually have serious health problems. "Inpatients are sicker; they're no longer up and ambulatory," she adds.

Staff composition has also changed. Years ago, says Ms. Hetnik, staffs were comprised entirely of registered nurses. Lahey Hitchcock Medical Center's medical/surgical unit currently maintains a 70/30 ratio — 70 percent nurses to 30 percent nurse's aides. R.N.s delegate non-nursing tasks to assistants, freeing themselves to perform the tasks of assessing, educating, medicating and preparing. The hospital's critical care unit, says Ms. Hetnik, continues to be staffed only by registered nurses.

Like all of today's health providers, the Lahey Hitchcock Clinic health care network is working to provide more cost-effective yet high-quality care. "Our goal is to be a patient advocate, to open lines of communication and to respond to each patient's individual needs," says Ms. Hetnik.

"The evolution of health care has made nurses even more valuable," says Lucia Osiecki, C.N.M., C.N.E.P., a certified nurse-midwife and family nurse practitioner at Lahey Hitchcock Clinic in Nashua, N.H. She believes it is the combination of solid training and the ability to provide more personal, one-on-one care that makes nurses so valuable, and it's why she decided to become a nurse practitioner rather than a physician.

"We have the scientific background that allows us to understand the disease and the healing process," Ms. Osiecki says. "We also give the kind of personal care that is so important. A lot of our time with patients involves education. In educating the patient, we get to know and develop a close relationship with them, as well as with their partners and children. Nursing is important in that way: We get to know the whole person. Women choose to come to nurse-midwives because of the amount of time we can spend with them."

Kelly Collins agrees. She recognizes that her role as a nurse has changed significantly as

Seeing your PCP regularly and keeping him or her up-to-date about your health status will help your PCP notice changes — weight gain, for instance, or an ache or pain — that may signal a serious health issue. With the rise of managed care, PCPs also play an important administrative role, overseeing and coordinating all of your care.

Through your Lahey Hitchcock PCP, you have access to the services of specialists, hospitals, labs and other health care providers. Following are three Lahey Hitchcock Clinic patient profiles that illustrate how PCPs can work with patients and other doctors to make sure treatment is swift and effective. The end result: satisfied customers, smart medicine and improved health.

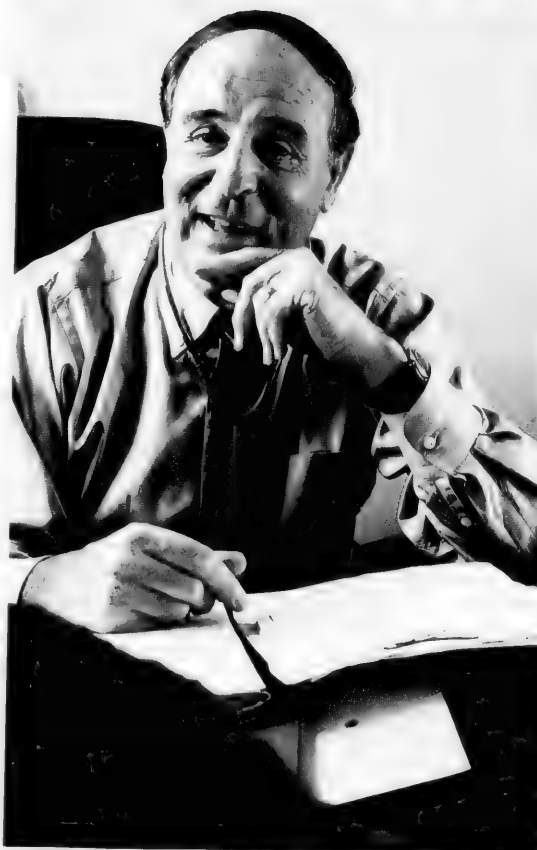
A HEARTY TALE

These days, a 20-year relationship with a physician is a rarity. Not so for William Kannan of Lawrence, Mass., and his primary care physician, North Andover, Mass.-based John R. Niceforo, M.D., an internist with Pentucket Medical Associates, an independent group practice associated with Lahey Hitchcock Clinic. With a history and trust built over time, Dr. Niceforo successfully guided Mr. Kannan, a 57-year-old purchasing agent for the City of Lawrence, through a recent cardiac episode.

"I was petrified approaching my 58th birthday," says Mr. Kannan. Heart troubles run in his family: His father had succumbed to a massive heart attack at 58, and his brother had already undergone quadruple bypass surgery. Mr. Kannan had experienced chest pain on and off for years and was taking medication to lower his blood pressure and cholesterol levels. While on vacation last summer, Mr. Kannan had severe chest pains and shortness of breath. He rushed home and was seen immediately by Dr. Niceforo, who convinced him to have a cardiac catheterization, a procedure to determine the extent of heart blockage, with cardiologist Richard Goldman, M.D. Until that point, Mr. Kannan was fearful of more risky procedures to remedy his heart troubles. Dr. Niceforo understood his patient's apprehension and acknowl-



To keep his heart healthy, William Kannan of Lawrence, Mass., has become a pedal pusher. Janet Thorpe, R.N., Cardiac Rehabilitation Program Director at Pentucket Medical Associates in Haverhill, Mass., supervises Mr. Kannan's exercise program.



It's comforting and reassuring to have a primary care physician who knows you and your medical history. A long-term doctor-patient relationship helped internist John R. Niceforo, M.D., treat and refer William Kannan during his cardiac episode.

A Critical Connection

Poised on the medical front line, your primary care physician is your link to the best health care



When it comes to health care, we often go from episode to episode, seeing the doctor for a cold that won't go away, for a routine checkup or to keep an eye on our blood pressure. Whatever the reason for your visit to the doctor, it's comforting and reassuring to have a primary care physician (PCP), your personal physician, who knows you and your medical history.

BY CARI NIERENBERG

Mount Killington in Vermont with his family, then they all hiked down. Afterward, Colin complained of feeling sore and had a noticeable limp. He couldn't walk at all later—a surprising occurrence for an otherwise active little boy, recalls his mother, Gwen. Colin's pediatrician, Michael Kilcullen, M.D., at Lahey Hitchcock's Ottauquechee Health Center in Woodstock, Vt., first suspected Colin's pain was due to toxic synovitis, an inflammation of the hip joint often linked with a viral illness. A hip X-ray showed no sign of trouble. Colin went on to enjoy the ski season, but in March, he again complained of hip pain. Because toxic synovitis rarely recurs, Colin's pains raised new suspicions, and this time the X-rays were more telling. The head of his hip bone (femur) was wearing away and the blood supply to this ball-and-socket region was cut off. Dr. Kilcullen quickly referred Colin to pediatric orthopaedist Paul J. Urbanek, M.D., at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H. Dr. Urbanek called a temporary halt to Colin's ski season; he diagnosed Legg-Calvé-Perthes' disease. (See "Perplexing Perthes" on this page.)

Deciding how to best treat Colin's condition was no simple matter. Consulting with Colin's parents and his PCP, Dr. Urbanek decided a leg brace was the best course of treatment.

Although self-conscious at first about "dressing up like a cowboy" — a look he assumes when wearing his leg brace, which suspends like chaps — Colin, now five, hasn't slowed down. "There's nothing he can't do. The brace hasn't stopped him from riding his bike or playing soccer. He even wins races [running] with his brace on," says Gwen Hagenbarth. Besides, she points out, living in the ski resort town of Killington, it's not unusual to see people walking around with a brace.

In Colin's case, having the vast resources of a nearby teaching hospital and a conscientious pediatrician who responded promptly made a big difference. For now, Colin still needs his brace, but he's looking forward to swimming this winter instead of skiing, because it's great therapy for his hip, and it's an activity he can do without his brace. **LET**

PERPLEXING PERTHES'

"Legg-Calvé-Perthes' disease is still an enigma," notes a children's orthopaedic textbook. Indeed, the cause of this hip problem is a bit mysterious, and its treatment is both controversial and puzzling to orthopaedists. More common in boys than girls, and typically occurring between the ages of two and 14, the disease bears the names of its founders, an American, a Frenchman and a German, respectively.

Perthes' is quirky. "The pain and limp seem to come and go," says Gwen Hagenbarth, whose son, Colin, has the disease. Orthopaedists track Perthes' using X-rays, looking at whether the head of the femur, a bone which is typically shaped like a ball and fits securely into the hip socket, appears flattened. This occurs because the blood supply to this area gets cut off, causing the bone to die. In time, circulation is restored, and the femur can reform and return to its original roundness.



Brave and as active as a cowboy, Colin Hagenbarth and his favorite toy, Woody, both feel at home on the range.

While physicians now know more than they did 40 years ago, when children with Perthes' remained hospitalized and in traction for nearly two years, the disease remains tough to treat. "There's lots of explaining to do with this disease," says pediatric orthopaedist Dr. Paul Urbanek. "It's hard for parents to understand what's going on and to select the best course of treatment."

Treatment must be determined on an individual basis, considering the age of the child and the disease's severity. In 60 to 70 percent of toddlers, the condition heals itself and the children may do well with little to no treatment at all, says Dr. Urbanek. But school-age children might require traction at night or a brace (a plastic or metal wedge) to keep the legs spread apart; when worn, the brace gives the kids a cowboy-like stance and swagger. The brace may be needed for a year or two, which may seem like an eternity to a child, yet most manage to adapt, remain active and overcome their self-consciousness. Children over the age of seven might need surgery to reposition the femur and hold it in place. Most kids with Perthes' recover fully. However, they have a higher risk of premature arthritis of the hip.

—C.N.

Critical Connection



This winter should be less hectic for Sharon Ryherd as she enjoys time relaxing with her daughter Kaliegh, son Garret and husband Eric.

edged, "Over time, with confidence, we can arrive at what's best for the patient."

The catheterization test did reveal blockage, and Dr. Niceforo referred Mr. Kannan to his colleague, Seth D. Bilazarian, M.D., an interventional cardiologist with Pentucket Medical Associates. Dr. Bilazarian recommended angioplasty, a procedure to unplug the two arterial blockages found. He also advised the insertion of metal stents to hold open the newly unclogged artery walls. Dr. Bilazarian performed the angioplasty at Lahey Hitchcock Medical Center in Burlington, Mass. "With specialists in the community, we were able to provide Mr. Kannan with all of his medical care locally, except for the actual procedures," Dr. Bilazarian notes.

Mr. Kannan appreciated being close to home for the bulk of his care, as well as Dr. Bilazarian's thoroughness and warmth. "He explained everything to me and my family, including the operation and its risks," says Mr. Kannan. By working closely with his PCP and through this ongoing partnership, Mr. Kannan received quick, first-rate medical attention and will be closely monitored as he recovers.

A COMPLICATED CHRISTMAS

It was mid-December 1995, and Brookline, N.H., was blanketed with snow. Sharon Ryherd was 24 weeks into her second pregnancy when a recurring sciatica problem seemed to flare up. As the week passed, the pain intensified,

extending through her entire left side. "I thought I had pulled a leg muscle. I could hardly walk," she says.

Fortunately, obstetrician/gynecologist William C. Baerthlein, M.D., of Lahey Hitchcock Clinic - Nashua, was on call, knew her case and advised her to go immediately to the emergency room. An ultrasound test revealed a large blood clot in her femoral (thigh) vein. She was hospitalized, then transferred to the high-risk maternity unit at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. A team of obstetricians and hematologists (specialists in blood disorders) were consulted and recommended that Mrs. Ryherd be placed on intravenous heparin to dissolve the blood clot and prevent it from moving up to her lung, where it would pose a serious threat to her and her baby. She remained hospitalized for a week and was discharged on Christmas Eve.

Mrs. Ryherd returned home, where she was closely monitored and received home nursing care. She delivered her healthy son, Garret, in late January at her community hospital. "During an extremely stressful time for me and my family, my physicians were wonderful," she says. "They constantly checked in with me, coordinated my care and kept me informed of what was going on."

DECISIONS, DECISIONS

One summer day in 1995, four-year-old Colin Hagenbarth rode the chairlift to the top of



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Familiar with the patient's case, obstetrician/gynecologist William C. Baerthlein, M.D., acted quickly to refer Sharon Ryherd for needed medical care during her pregnancy.

The Doctors Are In

NEW PRACTICES

Four new community-based practices have joined the Lahey Hitchcock Clinic network in recent months, extending primary care services in Massachusetts and Vermont.

LAHEY HITCHCOCK – DIABETES AND ENDOCRINOLOGY is located in Fall River in southern Massachusetts. Charles Eil, M.D., Ph.D., Howard S. Lilienfeld, M.D., and Tamer G. Yacoub, M.D., focus on diabetes and other endocrinological concerns, including osteoporosis, lipid disorders and thyroid disease. The practice is based in the Truesdale Clinic complex in Fall River (adjacent to Lahey Hitchcock's Truesdale Internal Medical Associates), 1030 President Ave., Fall River, MA 02720. Their telephone number is 508-676-3411.

LAHEY HITCHCOCK – FITCHBURG, in central Massachusetts, features adult internal medicine services provided by general internists Eric L. Knutson, M.D., Stephen T. Child, M.D., and Belden L. Divito, P.A.C. The practice is located in the Burbank Professional Building at 326 Nichols Rd., Suite 21, Fitchburg, MA 01420. The telephone number is 508-345-6696.

LAHEY HITCHCOCK – LEOMINSTER, also in central Massachusetts, provides the full range of internal medicine and endocrinology services. General internist Jason B. Lipkind, M.D., internist/endocrinologist Donald S. Levine, M.D., and nurse practitioner Gail Coe, A.N.P., are located at 100 Hospital Rd., Professional Building, Suite 1A, Leominster, MA 01453. They can be reached at 508-840-1388.

LAHEY HITCHCOCK – ST. JOHNSBURY PEDIATRICS, located in northeastern Vermont, provides the full range of pediatric and adolescent medicine services. Members include Mark Price, M.D., Karyn Patno, M.D., John DiMichele, M.D., and Jane Micciche, A.R.N.P. The practice is located at 4 Sherman Drive, St. Johnsbury, VT 05819. The telephone number is 802-748-5131.

NEW DOCTORS

In addition, more than two dozen physicians and associate providers have joined Lahey Hitchcock Clinic's medical practice in recent months.

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Community Highlights



A TREE GROWS IN BURLINGTON

The Brain Tumor Support Group at Lahey Hitchcock Medical Center in Burlington, Mass., dedicated a tree on the Medical Center grounds in October in memory of members who have succumbed to the disease. About 50 group participants, family members and Lahey Hitchcock staff attended the ceremony, during which a cherry tree was planted on the east side of the building. A boulder inscribed with the words, "Hope, Strength, Remembrance," was placed next to the tree.

The Brain Tumor Support Group is open to patients, family members and friends, whether associated with Lahey Hitchcock or other institutions.



Clinic Breaks New Ground

Construction of the new, state-of-the-art outpatient complex for Lahey Hitchcock Clinic — Manchester in New Hampshire began with a bang at a ground-breaking ceremony this past fall. Instead of shovels, Manchester Mayor Raymond Wieczorek and Center Medical Director Eugene Lariviere, M.D., set off an explosive charge to officially begin clearing ground for the 125,000-square-foot facility.

Located on 93 acres in the northeastern section of the city, near the intersection of I-293 and Route 101, the Lahey Hitchcock facility will accommodate up to 1,000 patients each day and include both physician and mid-level clinician offices. Ancillary services such as a pharmacy, physical therapy and outpatient surgery will be offered. The complex is scheduled to be completed in December.

"Our goal is to serve patients better in a facility that is innovative, 'patient-friendly,' cost efficient and easy to expand," says Dr. Lariviere.

Canadian Exchange Formed

An educational exchange program has been established between St. John Regional Hospital in New Brunswick, Canada, and Lahey Hitchcock Clinic. The program was set up through the generosity of James MacMurray, a Lahey Hitchcock patient from St. John.

With the dual goal of assisting in the spe-

cialty training of Canadian physicians and helping Lahey Hitchcock better understand the nature and needs of the Canadian medical system and its patients, the program will send Lahey Hitchcock specialists to St. John twice a year to lecture, give rounds and consult on advanced topics. Likewise, St. John physicians will travel to Burlington, Mass., for one or two weeks of mentorship and collegial exchange.

"We see this program as a two-way experience," says Francis J. Scholz, M.D., chairman of the Department of Medical Education for Lahey Hitchcock's Massachusetts Region. "St. John Regional Hospital is a wonderfully equipped institution — the largest in Atlantic Canada — and they have as much insight to offer us as we have to offer them."

Trauma Services Advanced

Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon is the first hospital in New Hampshire to receive verification from the American College of Surgeons (ACS) as a Level I Trauma Center with Pediatric Commitment.

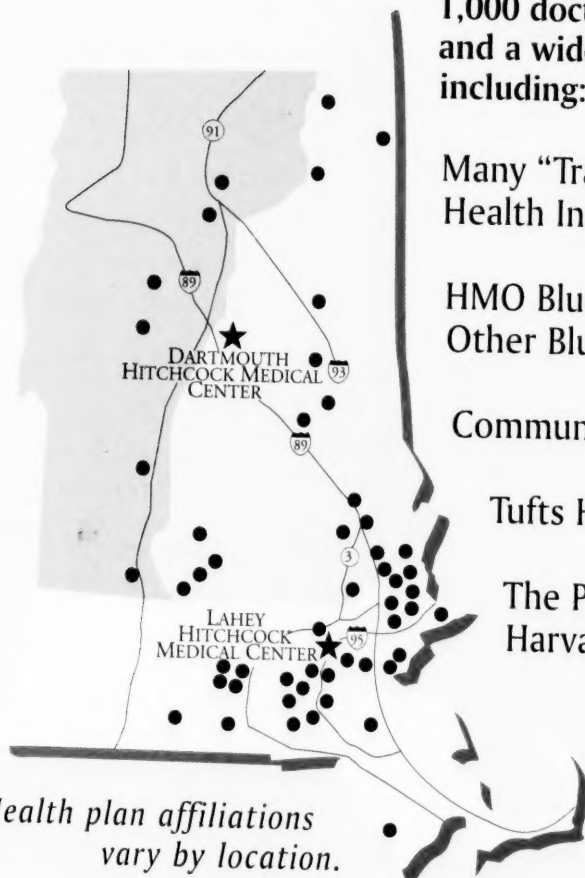
The Medical Center was commended for its continued progress and quality of care given to trauma patients. Also cited was its Air Response Team helicopter program and the involvement of its medical leaders in development of New Hampshire's state trauma program. "The ACS is the national organization that sets the standards, and it has recognized DHMC as being exemplary in its quality assurance process and patient care," says John E. Sutton, M.D., the Medical Center's director of trauma (adult).

In Massachusetts, Lahey Hitchcock Medical Center at Burlington inaugurated its new Trauma Service in January to serve communities in the suburban region north and west of Boston. "The American College of Surgeons visited us in the fall and made the recommendation that we move ahead with opening the service," says Michael S. Rosenblatt, M.D., Lahey Hitchcock's trauma director. "As is standard, we need to be in operation for a period before we can seek verification, and the ACS recommended that we seek verification action after one year." **L&T**

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